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OBSERVATIONS

(Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2005, DSS had 22,516 open cases (1,769 adoption cases and 20,747 clinical cases). A total of 72,485 consumers (33,900 adults and 38,585 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,105 in the Boston Region to 4,611 in the Southeastern Region. **(Table 1)**
- Over the past four quarters, there was little overall change in the DSS client population (statewide). The typical pattern is a drop in consumers in the summer quarter (Q1) followed by a gradual rise in consumers during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). These quarterly fluctuations reflect the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations (especially, supported investigations) throughout the year. **(Figs. 1 and 2 on page 5, Fig. 21 on page 51)**

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,860 individuals in placement on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2005. Included in this count are 9,807 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,053 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 20% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Central Region, 13% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 25% (9,807) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 29% in the West, 26% in the Southeast, 24% in the Northeast, 24% in Central, 24% in Metro, and 22% in Boston. **(Table 2)**
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Holyoke, Framingham, Springfield, Lowell, and Fall River Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Malden and Lawrence Area Offices. **(Table 2)**
- Quarterly fluctuations in the number of children in placement, as well as the number of children not in placement, showed little, if any, overall change. As noted above, there is a typical drop in consumers during the first quarter of each fiscal year. **(Figs. 3 and 4)**

Age, Sex, Race, and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2005, the consumer population included 38,585 (53%) children less than 18 years old and 33,900 (47%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-three percent of all consumers were identified as female, 46% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-nine percent (14,997) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). **(Table 1, Fig. 5)**
- The number of female children in the DSS caseload was approximately equal to the number of male children. In contrast, the ratio of female to male adults was 1.5:1. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, and less than 1% Native American consumers. Race could not be determined for 13% of consumers and race was missing (Unspecified) for 10% of consumers. **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- Of the total consumer population, 22% (16,113 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. **(Table 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D)**
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 47% Black and 24% White consumers (4,583 and 2,345 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--7% of the caseload (967 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- The Northeastern, Western, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 9% (1,133 consumers), 8% (1,073), and 8% (772), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 427 DSS consumers (1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston, Central, and Northeast), and Lao (Northeast). **(Table 4)**

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region										Total
Case Counts:	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾		
Adoption	395	214	234	217	347	214	147	1	1,769	
Clinical	3,686	2,946	3,780	3,135	4,264	2,891	10	35	20,747	
Total	4,081	3,160	4,014	3,352	4,611	3,105	157	36	22,516	
Consumer Counts:										
Adults: ⁽³⁾										
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾	Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾	167	104	187	164	190	172	---	30	1,014
	Other ⁽⁶⁾	5	5	6	6	5	12	---	---	39
	Total in Placement	172	109	193	170	195	184	---	30	1,053
Not in Placement		5,797	4,894	5,877	5,025	7,033	4,218	---	3	32,847
Total Adults		5,969	5,003	6,070	5,195	7,228	4,402	---	33	33,900
Children:										
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾	Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,959	1,316	1,579	1,187	1,942	1,074	252	5	9,314
	Other ⁽⁶⁾	40	37	60	24	45	36	---	---	242
	On th Run	77	21	49	15	44	45	---	---	251
	Total in Placement	2,076	1,374	1,688	1,226	2,031	1,155	252	5	9,807
Not in Placement		5,147	4,391	5,379	3,967	5,688	4,199	6	1	28,778
Total Children		7,223	5,765	7,067	5,193	7,719	5,354	258	6	38,585
Total		13,192	10,768	13,137	10,388	14,947	9,756	258	39	72,485

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

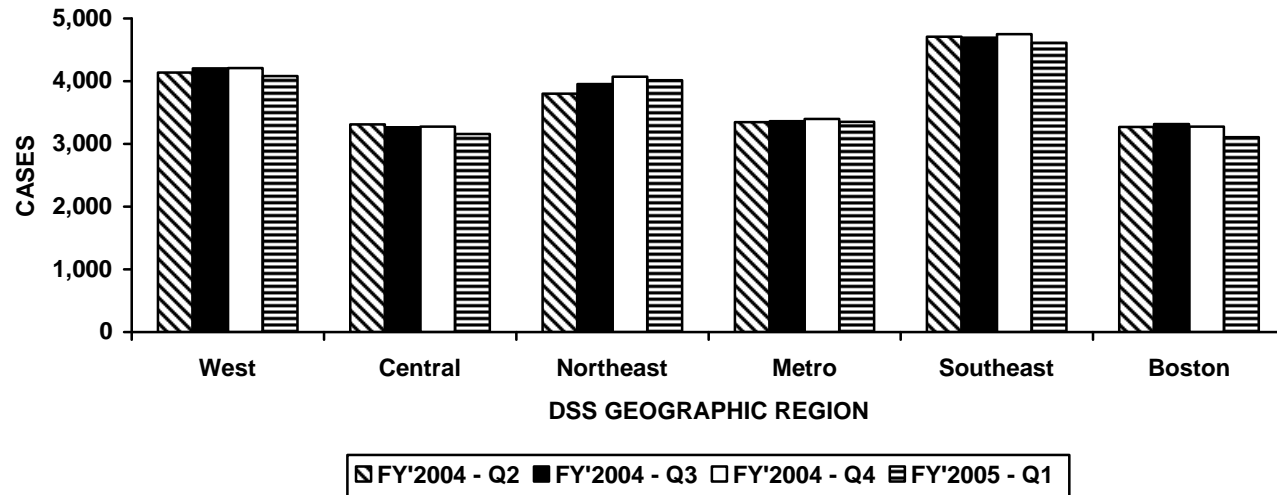
⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DSS. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DSS until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes non-referral locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

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**FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**

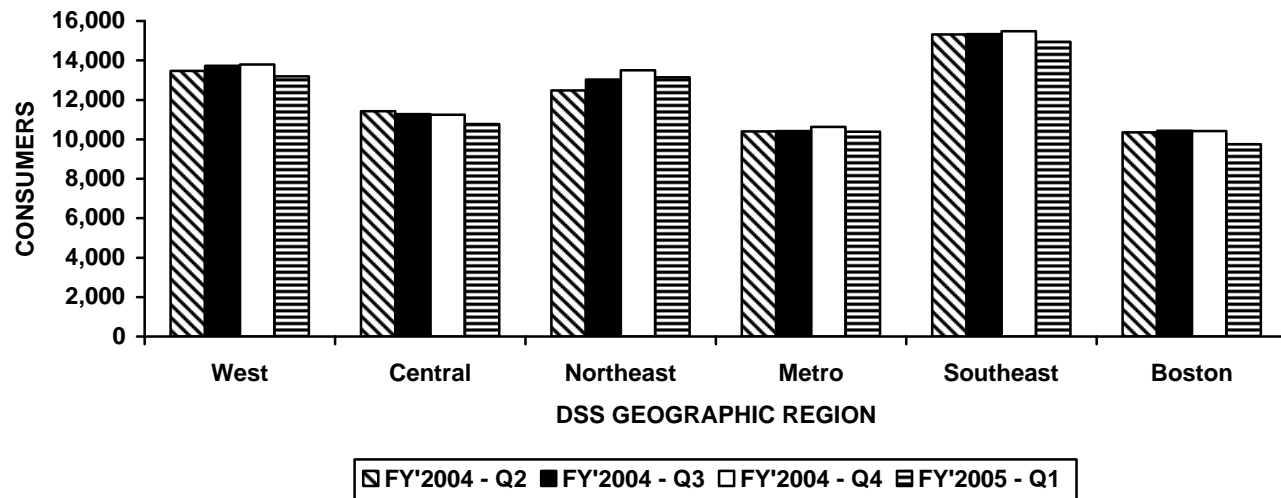


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DSS AREA OFFICE (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

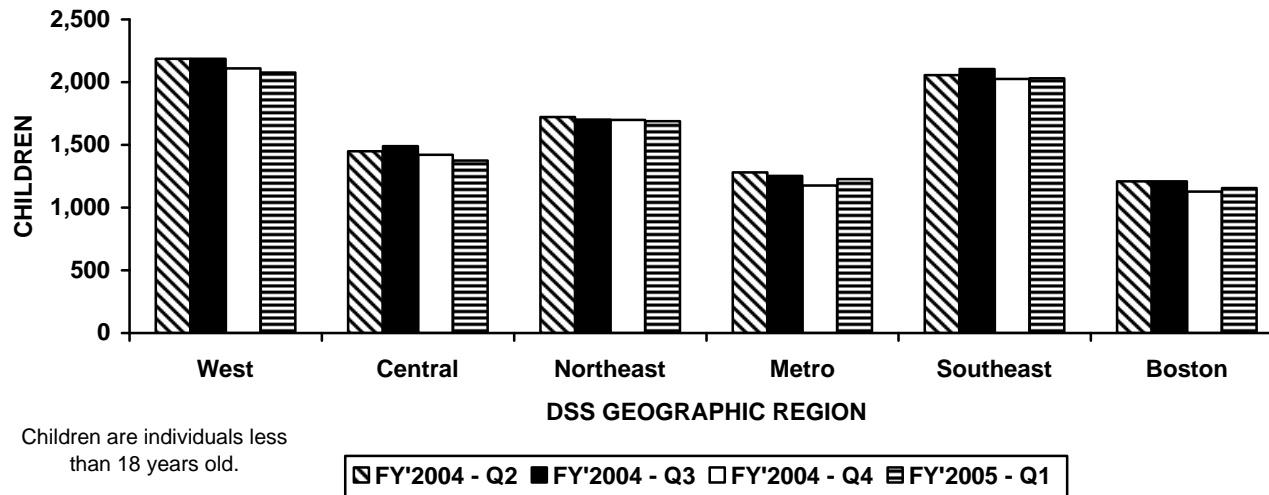
DSS Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Pittsfield	684	342	1,026	33%
Greenfield	766	298	1,064	28%
Holyoke	1,189	531	1,720	31%
Robert Van Wart Center	1,261	363	1,624	22%
Springfield	1,236	539	1,775	30%
Contracted Agencies	11	3	14	21%
Western	5,147	2,076	7,223	29%
North Central	1,632	424	2,056	21%
South Central	1,123	415	1,538	27%
Worcester	1,633	535	2,168	25%
Contracted Agencies	3	---	3	---
Central	4,391	1,374	5,765	24%
Lowell	1,117	486	1,603	30%
Lawrence	1,465	317	1,782	18%
Cape Ann	915	305	1,220	25%
Haverhill	823	230	1,053	22%
Lynn	1,054	348	1,402	25%
Contracted Agencies	5	2	7	29%
Northeast	5,379	1,688	7,067	24%
Malden	1,166	228	1,394	16%
Framingham	564	252	816	31%
Cambridge	681	246	927	27%
Arlington	779	207	986	21%
Coastal	754	289	1,043	28%
Contracted Agencies	23	4	27	15%
Metro	3,967	1,226	5,193	24%
Attleboro	684	249	933	27%
Brockton	1,119	346	1,465	24%
New Bedford	1,279	484	1,763	27%
Fall River	1,080	460	1,540	30%
Plymouth	763	236	999	24%
Cape Cod	747	256	1,003	26%
Contracted Agencies	16	---	16	---
Southeast	5,688	2,031	7,719	26%
Hyde Park	733	276	1,009	27%
Dimock Street	1,067	272	1,339	20%
Park Street	1,327	331	1,658	20%
Harbor	1,072	274	1,346	20%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	100%
Boston	4,199	1,155	5,354	22%
Adoption Contracts	6	252	258	98%
Other ⁽²⁾	1	5	6	83%
Total	28,778	9,807	38,585	25%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

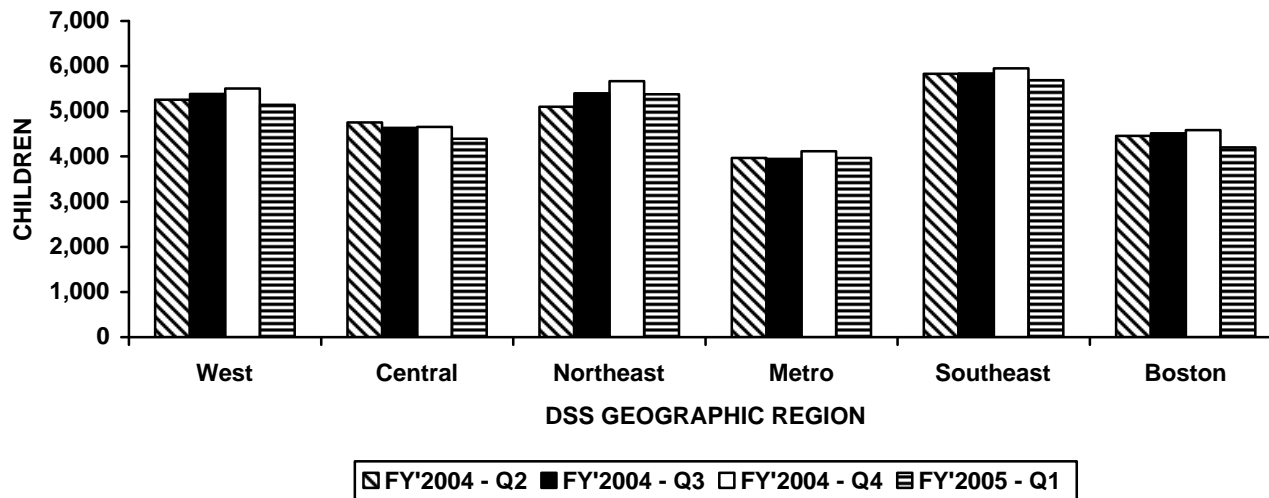
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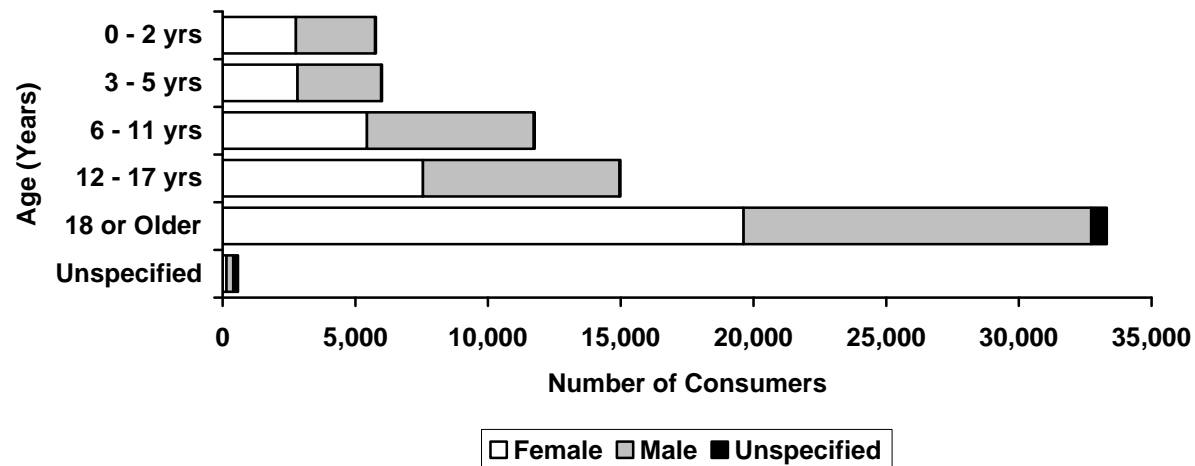
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	2,757	2,996	31	5,784
3 - 5	2,827	3,152	33	6,012
6 - 11	5,436	6,298	36	11,770
12 - 17	7,545	7,417	35	14,997
18 or older	19,633	13,105	592	33,330
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	145	259	188	592
Total	38,343	33,227	915	72,485

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 570 adults and 22 children whose ages were unknown and 915 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

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TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION (FY'2001, 1ST QUARTER)

Race	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾ Other ⁽²⁾				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	7,410	56%	7,147	66%	7,425	57%	6,763	65%	9,597	64%	2,345	24%	134	52%	2	5%	40,823	56%
Black	1,564	12%	901	8%	941	7%	1,567	15%	2,058	14%	4,583	47%	70	27%	33	85%	11,717	16%
Asian	64	*	155	1%	967	7%	187	2%	136	1%	215	2%	6	2%	---	---	1,730	2%
Native American	28	*	15	*	18	*	10	*	43	*	17	*	---	---	---	---	131	*
Other ⁽³⁾	22	*	1	*	9	*	7	*	10	*	10	*	1	*	---	---	60	*
Multi-Racial	284	2%	197	2%	309	2%	197	2%	313	2%	141	1%	13	5%	---	---	1,454	2%
Unable to Determine	1,959	15%	1,517	14%	2,273	17%	767	7%	1,111	7%	1,747	18%	33	13%	---	---	9,407	13%
Unspecified	1,861	14%	835	8%	1,195	9%	890	9%	1,679	11%	698	7%	1	*	4	10%	7,163	10%
Total	13,192	100%	10,768	100%	13,137	100%	10,388	100%	14,947	100%	9,756	100%	258	100%	39	100%	72,485	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

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TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

Origin ⁽¹⁾	DSS Geographic Region														Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston									
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Hispanic/Latino	4,059	31%	2,441	23%	3,997	30%	1,275	12%	1,587	11%	2,690	28%	63	24%	1	3%	16,113	22%		
Not Hispanic/Latino	6,501	49%	6,454	60%	7,218	55%	6,843	66%	9,999	67%	5,479	56%	184	71%	38	97%	42,716	59%		
Unable to Determine	386	3%	364	3%	280	2%	309	3%	517	3%	320	3%	11	4%	---	---	2,187	3%		
Unspecified	2,246	17%	1,509	14%	1,642	12%	1,961	19%	2,844	19%	1,267	13%	---	---	---	---	11,469	16%		
Total	13,192	100%	10,768	100%	13,137	100%	10,388	100%	14,947	100%	9,756	100%	258	100%	39	100%	72,485	100%		

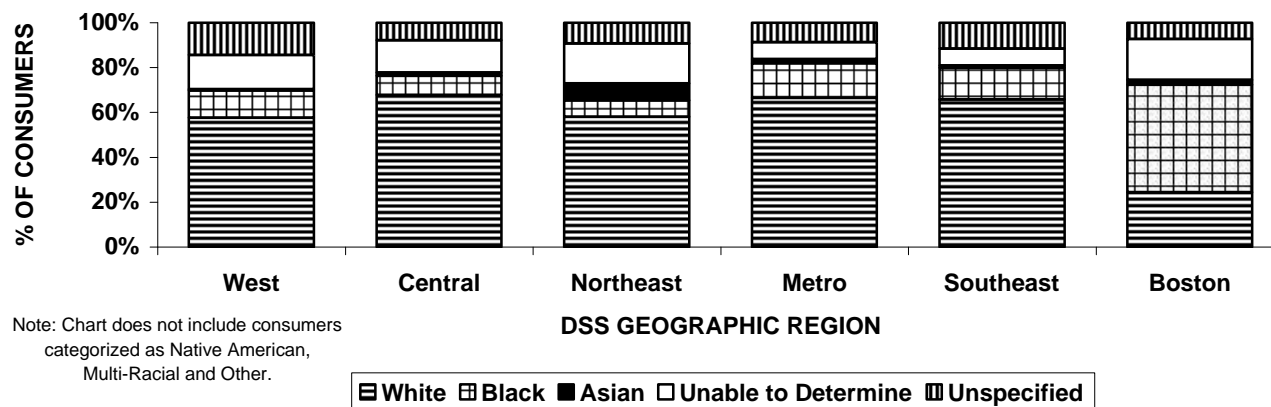
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⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

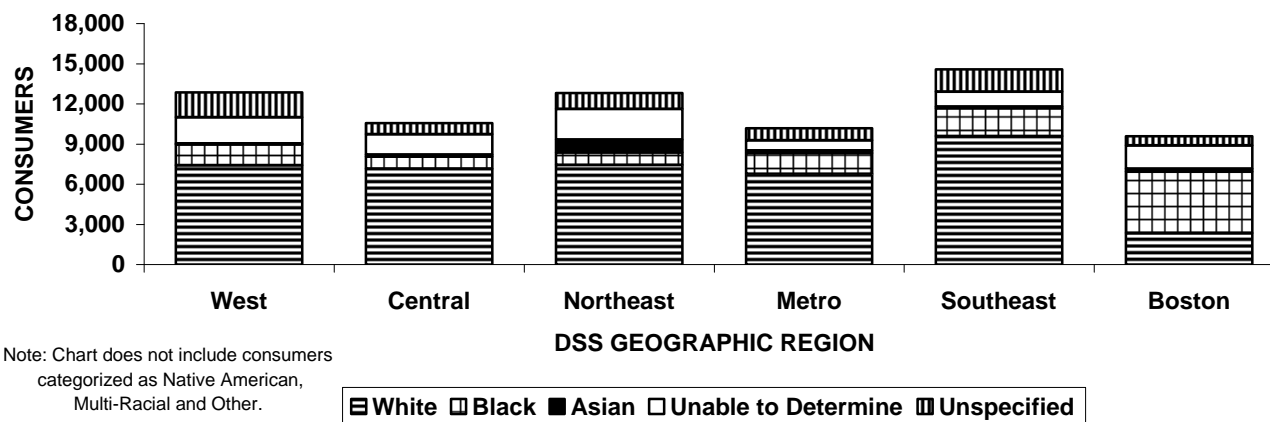
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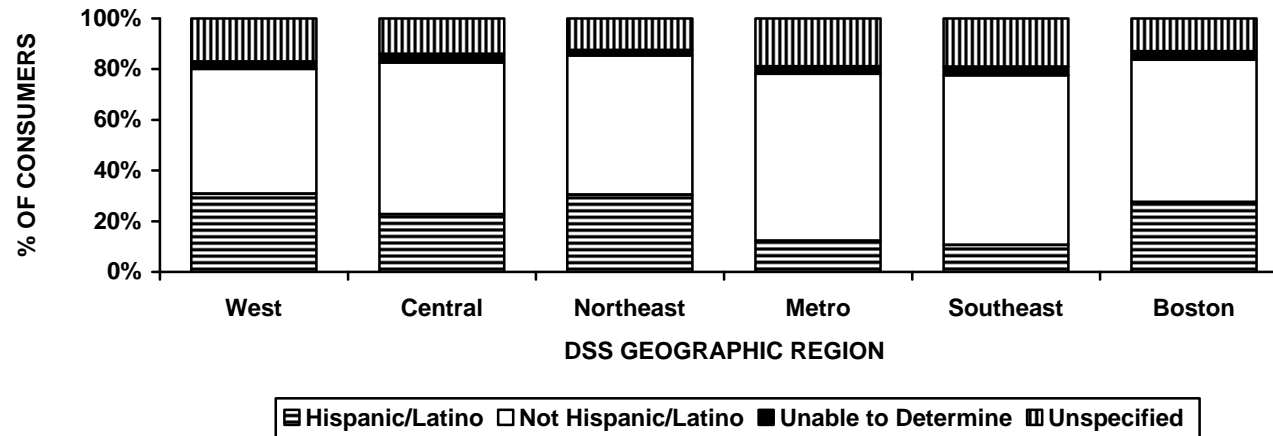
**Figure 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
BY RACE
(FY'05, 1ST QUARTER)**



**Figure 6B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
BY RACE
(FY'05, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN
(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN
(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**

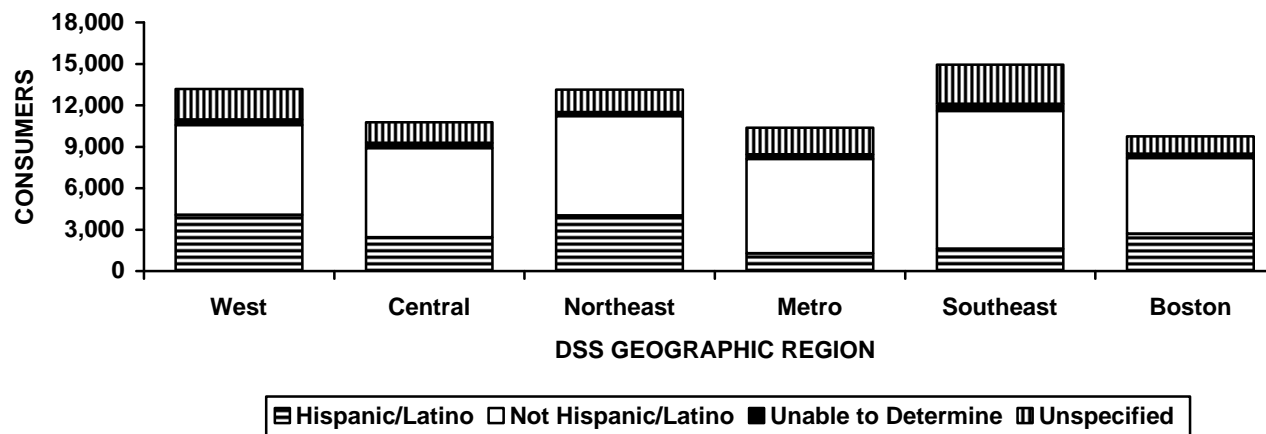


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

Primary Language	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,073	8%	483	4%	1,133	9%	321	3%	293	2%	772	8%	14	5%	---	---	4,089	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	12	*	5	*	352	3%	1	*	40	*	16	*	1	*	---	---	427	1%
Portuguese	2	*	7	*	29	*	71	1%	107	1%	28	*	---	---	---	---	244	*
Haitian Creole	3	*	2	*	12	*	91	1%	23	*	62	1%	1	*	---	---	194	*
Cape Verdean Creole	2	*	---	---	---	---	8	*	70	*	37	*	---	---	---	---	117	*
Vietnamese	4	*	32	*	29	*	15	*	4	*	46	*	---	---	---	---	130	*
Chinese	2	*	1	*	---	---	13	*	---	---	22	*	---	---	---	---	38	*
Lao	1	*	1	*	11	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	13	*
American Sign Language	3	*	---	---	9	*	8	*	7	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	32	*
Other	395	3%	274	3%	235	2%	256	2%	379	3%	213	2%	2	1%	31	79%	1,785	2%
English/Unspecified	11,695	89%	9,963	93%	11,327	86%	9,604	92%	14,024	94%	8,555	88%	240	93%	8	21%	65,416	90%
Total	13,192	100%	10,768	100%	13,137	100%	10,388	100%	14,947	100%	9,756	100%	258	100%	39	100%	72,485	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

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Profile of Consumers in Placement¹

Foster and Residential Care

- There were 7,731 consumers in foster care and 2,597 consumers in residential care on the last day of the 1st Quarter of FY'2005. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in residential care was greatest in the Southeastern, Northeastern, and Metro Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (34-42% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 625, 552, and 510, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in residential care, ranging from 69% to 80% across the regions. The Southeastern, Northeastern, and Metro Regions had the largest adolescent populations in residential care, 410, 381, and 374, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in non-referral locations² were primarily adolescents (62-88% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 1,683 consumers in “Contracted” foster care and 6,048 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Contracted foster care was primarily therapeutic (92% of the consumers). Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (39%), kinship (33%), child specific (13%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (7%). **(Table 5B)**
- Regionally, the West had the largest numbers of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. Consumers in kinship care were highest in the Southeast. The Southeast also had the most consumers in independent living. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. The Metro and Southeast had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Boston, Metro, and Central. The Central and Western Regions also had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in Boston as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**

¹ Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

² Non-referral locations include hospitals, other state agencies, and on the run from placement.

- The major residential programs were Commonworks¹ (1,271 consumers), residential treatment (785 consumers), and group homes (456 consumers). (**Table 5C**)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of residential care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in Commonworks. Central had the greatest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential treatment was most significant in the Northeast. (**Fig. 8A**)
- The Southeast had the greatest number of consumers in Commonworks. Central and Boston had the largest number of clients in group homes. The Northeastern Region had the most consumers in residential treatment. (**Fig. 8B**)
- Consumers in Residential Treatment were mostly situated in Chapter 766 facilities² while the leading Group Home models were Regular³ and Bridge⁴ homes. The major types of sub-referrals under Commonworks were Chapter 766 and Regular homes. (**Tables 5C and 5D**)
- Over the past four quarters, there was no significant change in the foster and residential care populations (**Figs. 9 and 10**). However, incremental changes in these populations were noticeable over a four year period (FY'2001, Q1 to FY'2005, Q1): consumers in foster care dropped from 8,113 to 7,731 (-5%) and consumers in residential care rose from 2,235 to 2,597 (16%).

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2005, the statewide placement population was comprised of 51% boys and 49% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)

¹ Commonworks is a community-based program that provides residential placement services, therapeutic foster care, and family support services to adolescents and their families.

² Chapter 766 includes facilities geared toward children/adolescents who require special needs educational services on-site. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education.

³ Regular is comprised of programs that provide services in home-like settings with typically 8 to 12 children/adolescents in residence.

⁴ Bridge Homes are small group home settings serving 6 to 10 infants and children up to 12 years old as well as sibling groups. Foster home or house parents supervise the home.

- Statewide, 61% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 4% were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 14% of the placement population. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. **(Table 6A).**
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,703 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 6A, Fig. 11A)**
- Race could not be determined for a high number and proportion of consumers in placement in the Western Region (470 and 21%). These high values are attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement. **(Table 6A)**
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 43% in the West to 53% in both the Northeast and Boston. **(Table 6B)**
- The Southeastern and Northeastern Regions had the highest numbers of young adults (18 years or older) in placement. **(Table 6B)**
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (31% of all consumers in placement) and “Adoption” (25%). Regionally, the Southeast had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West and Southeast had the highest numbers of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- Statewide, 44% of the placement population had been in continuous care¹ for more than 2 years, 21% between 1 and 2 years, and 36% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Western, Boston, and Northeastern Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous² care for more than two years (48%, 46%, and 44%, respectively). Metro had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (42%). The Southeast had the largest number of consumers in care for one year or less (848). **(Table 6B)**

¹ Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

² Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (September 30, 2004). In DSS Quarterly Reports prior to the 4th Quarter of FY’94, the time (non-continuous) from the child’s first placement entry to the program run-date was used.

- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for more Black consumers (49%) to be in care for more than two years as compared to White consumers (42%) and consumers of Hispanic origin (45%). (**Tables 7A and 7B**)
- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2005 ("snapshot" on 9/30/04), the median¹ time in continuous care was 1.5 years and median age was 12.4 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Over the past 13 years, the median age of children in care has slowly increased while the median time in placement has been fairly stable (See table below).

All Children in Placement²			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98*	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99*	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00*	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01*	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04	12.3	1.5	9,829
9/04	12.4	1.5	9,807

* = revised statistics

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,743 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,643 (60%) were White, 478 (17%) were Black, 26 (1%) were Asian, and 150 (5%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for the remaining 16%. Thirty percent (812) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A**)

¹ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

² Children are less than 18 years old.

- The age distribution of 2,743 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 22% age 0-2 years, 25% age 3-5 years, 41% age 6-11 years, and 12% age 12-17 years. **(Table 8C, Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty-three percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 47% were female. **(Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty-seven percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D, Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty-two percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D)**
- There has been a decline in the number of children¹ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 28%. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
1/98	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872	NA	NA
6/99	10,134	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,866	28%
6/04	9,829	2,766	28%
9/04	9,807	2,743	28%

Notes: Children are less than 18 years old.

Counts of children in placement have been updated for the years 6/99 – 6/01.

¹ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,743 “waiting” children in placement with a goal of adoption, 41% were legally free for adoption. Eighty percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**
- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (59%), 59% were matched to permanent families **(Fig. 12B)**.
- The Southeastern Region had the highest proportion (56%) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The Southeastern and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family, 77% and 76%, respectively. **(Figs. 12C and 12D)**

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

Placement Location of Consumers									Total No.
DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Foster Care		Residential Care		Other ⁽²⁾			
Age Group		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Western		1,834		292		122		2,248	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	284	15%	1	*	2	2%	287	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	264	14%	3	1%	1	1%	268	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	519	28%	29	10%	13	11%	561	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	625	34%	234	80%	101	83%	960	
	18 or older	142	8%	25	9%	5	4%	172	
Central		1,082		338		63		1,483	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	170	16%	1	*	1	2%	172	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	159	15%	2	1%	4	6%	165	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	303	28%	50	15%	5	8%	358	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	380	35%	251	74%	48	76%	679	
	18 or older	70	6%	34	10%	5	8%	109	
Northeast		1,239		527		115		1,881	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	158	13%	1	*	1	1%	160	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	157	13%	2	*	---	---	159	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	292	24%	78	15%	7	6%	377	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	510	41%	381	72%	101	88%	992	
	18 or older	122	10%	65	12%	6	5%	193	
Metro		853		498		45		1,396	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	143	17%	---	---	---	---	143	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	129	15%	4	1%	1	2%	134	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	165	19%	59	12%	10	22%	234	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	313	37%	374	75%	28	62%	715	
	18 or older	103	12%	61	12%	6	13%	170	
Southeast		1,601		531		94		2,226	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	282	18%	1	*	1	1%	284	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	248	15%	2	*	2	2%	252	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	385	24%	62	12%	6	6%	453	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	552	34%	410	77%	80	85%	1,042	
	18 or older	134	8%	56	11%	5	5%	195	
Boston		837		409		93		1,339	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	151	18%	---	---	1	1%	152	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	83	10%	5	1%	---	---	88	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	155	19%	49	12%	8	9%	212	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	350	42%	281	69%	72	77%	703	
	18 or older	98	12%	74	18%	12	13%	184	
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		250		2				252	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	42	17%	---	---	---	---	42	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	60	24%	1	50%	---	---	61	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	116	46%	1	50%	---	---	117	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	32	13%	---	---	---	---	32	
Other ⁽⁴⁾		35						35	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	5	14%	---	---	---	---	5	
	18 or older	30	86%	---	---	---	---	30	
Total		7,731		2,597		532		10,860	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

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TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE: AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

		Foster Care											Foster Care Total
		Contracted Foster Care					Departmental Foster Care						
DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Emergency Diagnostic	Enhanced Shelter	Family Therapeutic Residence	Independent Living	Therapeutic	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted		
Western		3	14	2	13	15	335	179	79	417	121	656	1,834
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	2	---	2	---	6	15	---	70	57	132	284
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	11	24	---	90	23	116	264
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	3	2	1	---	107	59	---	129	39	179	519
	(12 - 17 yrs)	3	8	---	10	3	189	71	11	121	1	208	625
	18 or older	---	1	---	---	12	22	10	68	7	1	21	142
Central		---	6	---	---	---	209	117	37	306	79	328	1,082
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	3	9	---	49	23	86	170
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	9	10	---	65	24	51	159
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	58	47	---	89	24	85	303
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	6	---	---	---	128	44	1	97	7	97	380
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	11	7	36	6	1	9	70
Northeast		2	8	---	10	---	335	100	79	328	49	328	1,239
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	3	---	---	---	16	11	---	53	10	65	158
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	1	---	20	19	---	56	13	47	157
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	2	---	---	---	66	23	---	99	24	76	292
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	---	8	---	218	39	4	113	2	125	510
	18 or older	---	1	---	1	---	15	8	75	7	---	15	122
Metro		---	6	2	8	2	185	93	55	250	45	207	853
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	13	11	---	42	18	58	143
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	1	---	---	20	10	---	48	14	35	129
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	3	1	---	---	30	13	---	68	11	39	165
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	1	---	7	---	110	51	2	80	2	60	313
	18 or older	---	---	---	1	2	12	8	53	12	---	15	103
Southeast		---	8	3	5	---	262	151	85	504	76	507	1,601
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	8	15	---	93	27	139	282
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	14	17	---	92	29	95	248
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	2	1	3	---	59	30	---	146	16	128	385
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	6	---	2	---	166	76	5	165	4	128	552
	18 or older	---	---	1	---	---	15	13	80	8	---	17	134
Boston		---	16	4	5	---	181	93	70	176	40	252	837
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	8	22	---	35	22	63	151
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	3	---	---	---	12	12	---	22	5	29	83
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	2	1	---	48	16	---	40	9	39	155
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	11	2	4	---	107	40	1	73	4	108	350
	18 or older	---	1	---	---	---	6	3	69	6	---	13	98
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		---	---	---	---	---	44	25	---	36	61	84	250
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	6	---	8	7	19	42
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	8	4	---	11	15	22	60
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	25	9	---	15	33	34	116
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	9	6	---	2	6	9	32
Other ⁽³⁾		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	19	---	---	16	35
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	5
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	19	---	---	11	30
Total		5	58	11	41	17	1,551	758	424	2,017	471	2,378	7,731

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

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TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE: AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Residential Care												Residential Care Total
		Commonworks	Group Home						Residential Treatment				Shelter	
			Bridge Home	Independent Living	Other ⁽²⁾	Regular	Teen Pregnancy/ Parenting	Transitional Living	Ch. 766	Diagnostic	Non-766	Other ⁽²⁾		
Western	Age Group	189	19	6	3	7	2	---	37	7	---	9	13	292
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
	(6 - 11 yrs)	4	5	---	---	2	---	---	14	2	---	1	1	29
	(12 - 17 yrs)	176	10	2	---	5	1	---	16	4	---	8	12	234
	18 or older	9	---	4	3	---	1	---	7	1	---	---	---	25
Central		120	14	8	---	64	2	---	93	11	1	16	9	338
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	9	---	---	3	---	---	27	2	---	6	2	50
	(12 - 17 yrs)	99	3	7	---	54	1	---	63	8	1	8	7	251
	18 or older	20	---	1	---	6	1	---	3	1	---	2	---	34
Northeast		223	13	13	3	47	1	---	164	46	---	13	4	527
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	12	5	---	---	8	---	---	44	4	---	5	---	78
	(12 - 17 yrs)	172	7	6	---	38	1	---	107	42	---	4	4	381
	18 or older	38	---	7	3	1	---	---	13	---	---	3	---	65
Metro		231	10	15	3	48	2	4	109	29	9	19	19	498
	(3-5yrs)	---	2	---	---	1	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	4
	(6-11yrs)	7	2	---	---	8	---	---	37	1	---	4	---	59
	(12-17yrs)	184	6	11	1	36	2	3	61	28	9	14	19	374
	18 or older	40	---	4	2	3	---	1	10	---	---	1	---	61
Southeast		299	16	2	3	52	6	1	86	26	1	11	28	531
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	9	---	---	14	---	---	29	2	---	6	---	62
	(12 - 17 yrs)	256	5	1	2	37	4	---	49	23	1	4	28	410
	18 or older	41	---	1	1	1	2	1	8	---	---	1	---	56
Boston		209	20	12	---	51	9	---	89	5	---	2	12	409
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	5
	(6 - 11 yrs)	5	5	---	---	11	---	---	27	1	---	---	---	49
	(12 - 17 yrs)	169	13	1	---	31	8	---	42	4	---	2	11	281
	18 or older	35	---	11	---	9	1	---	17	---	---	---	1	74
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	2
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Total		1,271	92	56	12	269	22	5	579	125	11	70	85	2,597

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).⁽²⁾ Sites/facilities that differ from the other types of group homes or residential treatment facilities.⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

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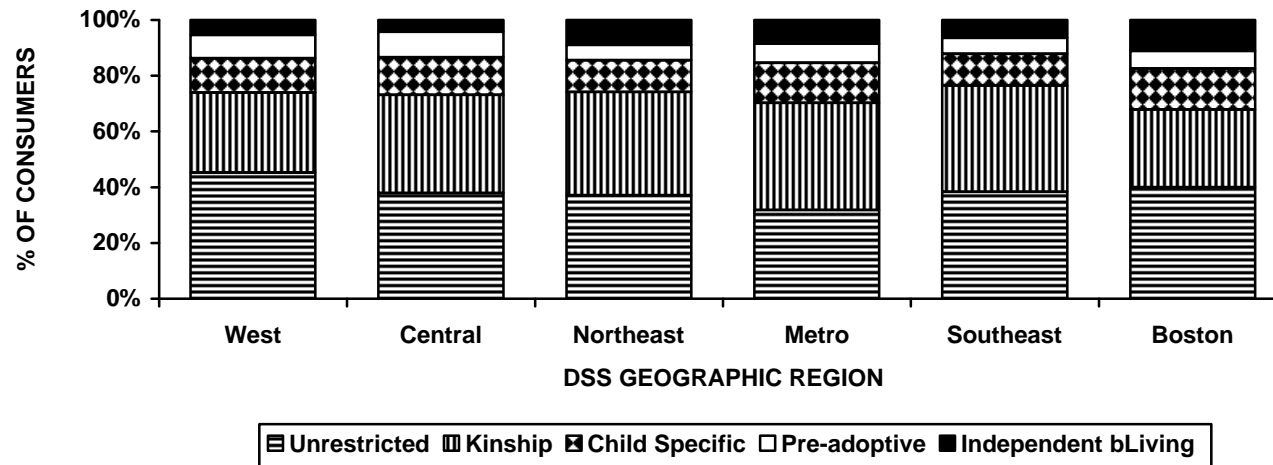
TABLE 5D. CONSUMERS IN COMMONWORKS (SUB-REFERRALS): AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Commonworks											Total
		Ch. 766	Diagnostic	Emergency Shelter	Independent Living	Non-766	Other	Regular	Services	Shelter	Therapeutic	Unspecified	
Western		42	---	---	4	97	2	12	---	---	30	2	189
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
	(12 - 17 yrs)	41	---	---	1	92	2	11	---	---	27	2	176
	18 or older		---	---	3	2	---	1	---	---	3	---	9
Central		39	2	---	3	20	---	37	1	4	12	2	120
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1		---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	34	2	---	1	18	---	31	1	4	7	1	99
	18 or older	4	---	---	2	2	---	6	---	---	5	1	20
Northeast		97	---	---	27	26	---	46	---	3	19	5	223
	(0 - 2 yrs)		---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	12	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	12
	(12 - 17 yrs)	80	---	---	7	25	---	37	---	3	16	4	172
	18 or older	5	---	---	20	1	---	8	---		3	1	38
Metro		108	1	---	29	8	3	60	---	7	12	3	231
	(6 - 11 yrs)	5	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	---	7
	(12 - 17 yrs)	99	1	---	8	7	3	55	---	5	6	---	184
	18 or older	4	---	---	21	---	---	5	---	2	5	3	40
Southeast		144	8	1	14	4	1	73	---	18	34	2	299
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	127	8	1	8	4	---	68	---	18	21	1	256
	18 or older	15	---	---	6		1	5	---		13	1	41
Boston		83	4	---	25	9	---	63	---	2	17	6	209
	(6 - 11 yrs)	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	5
	(12 - 17 yrs)	74	4	---	8	9	---	55	---	2	14	3	169
	18 or older	5	---	---	17	---	---	8	---	---	2	3	35
Total		513	15	1	102	164	6	291	1	34	124	20	1,271

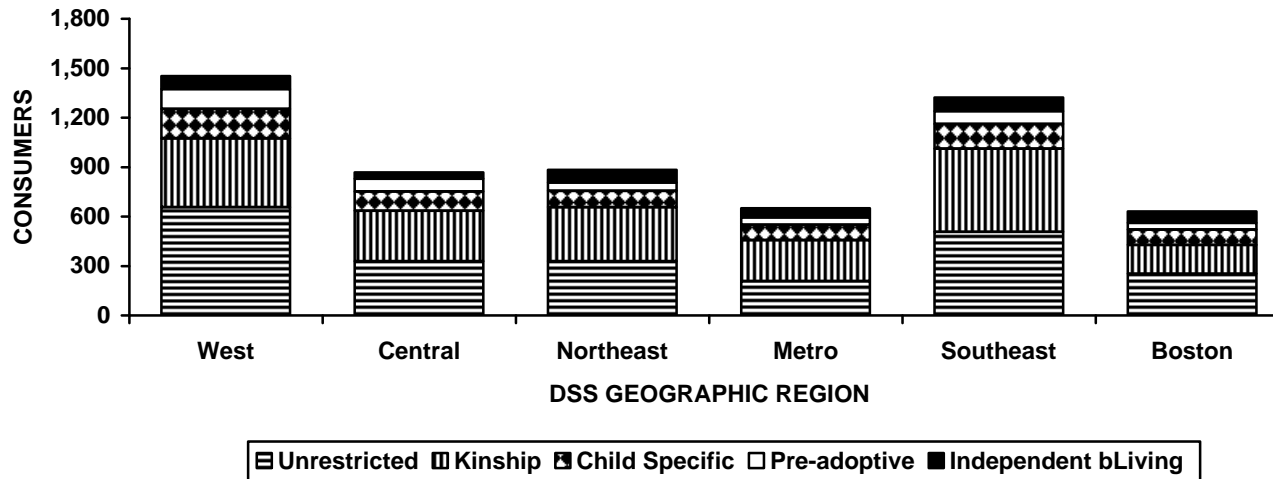
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

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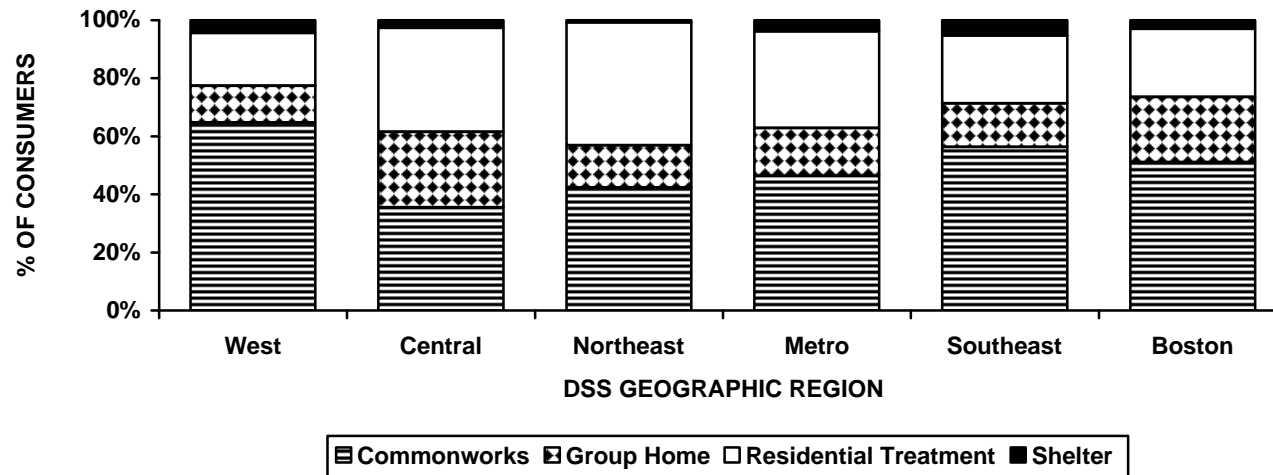
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



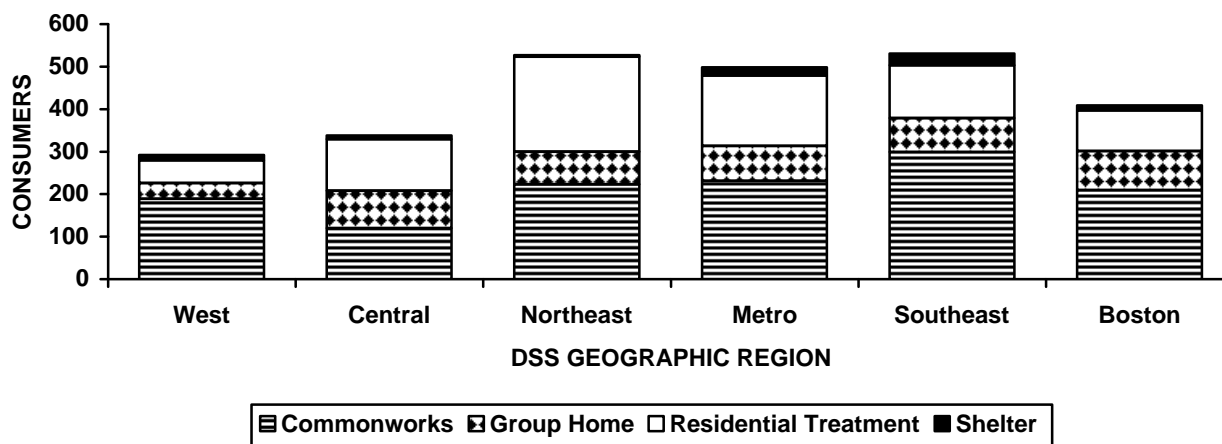
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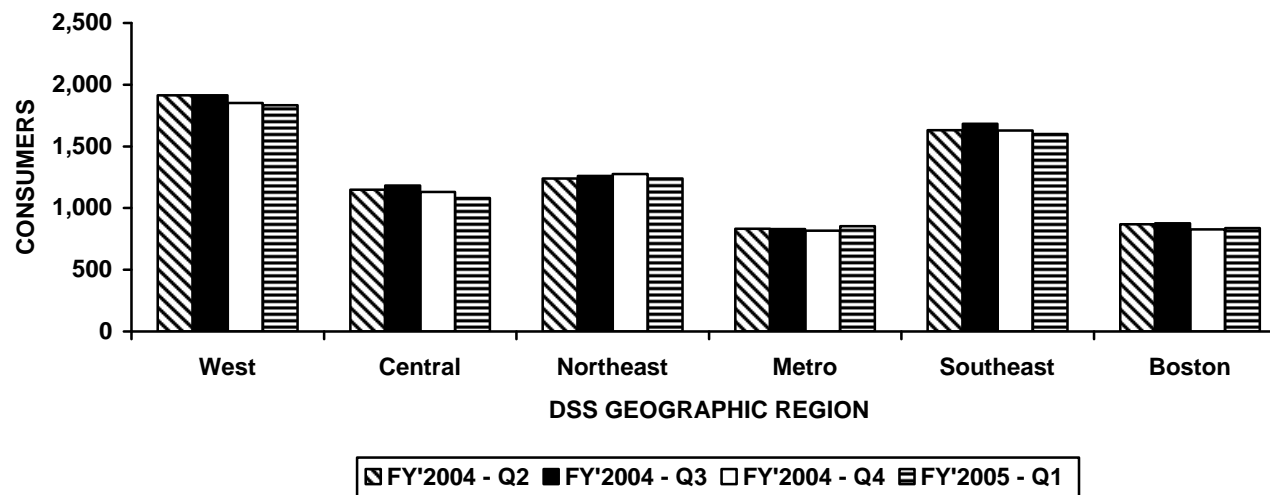
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
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(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**

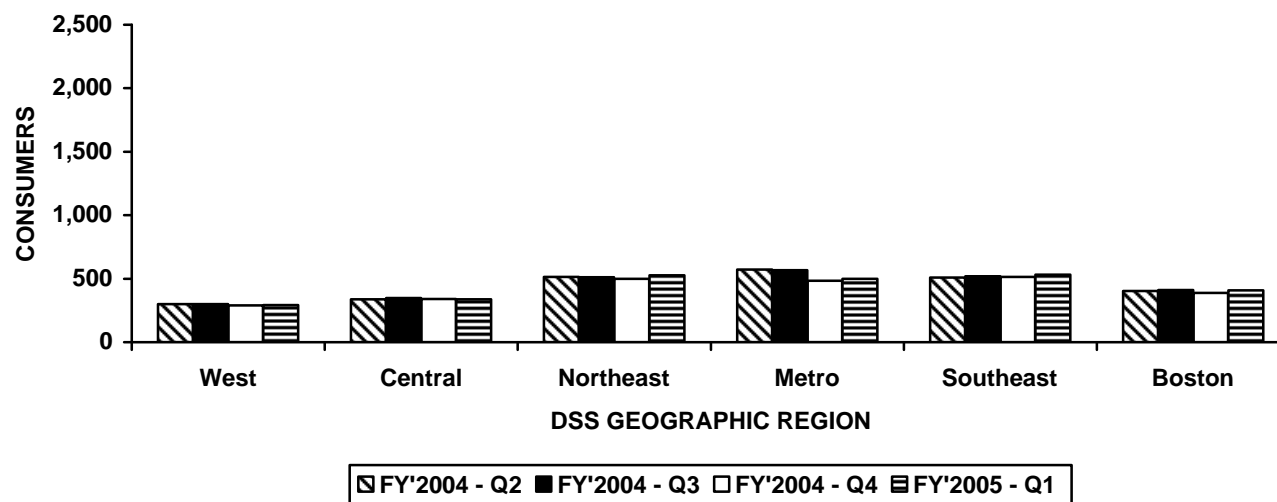


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West No.	%	Central No.	%	Northeast No.	%	Metro No.	%	Southeast No.	%	Boston No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,052	47%	732	49%	923	49%	658	47%	1,119	50%	665	50%	117	46%	3	9%	5,269	49%
Male	1,196	53%	751	51%	958	51%	738	53%	1,107	50%	674	50%	135	54%	32	91%	5,591	51%
Total	2,248	100%	1,483	100%	1,881	100%	1,396	100%	2,226	100%	1,339	100%	252	100%	35	100%	10,860	100%
Race:																		
White	1,341	60%	1,061	72%	1,186	63%	971	70%	1,537	69%	356	27%	131	52%	---	---	6,583	61%
Black	333	15%	179	12%	191	10%	243	17%	358	16%	727	54%	67	27%	31	89%	2,129	20%
Asian	1	*	5	*	130	7%	18	1%	19	1%	16	1%	6	2%	---	---	195	2%
Native American	6	*	---	---	5	*	---	---	9	*	6	*	---	---	---	---	26	*
Other ⁽³⁾	4	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*	1	*	---	---	7	*
Multi-Racial	87	4%	46	3%	79	4%	53	4%	88	4%	33	2%	13	5%	---	---	399	4%
Unable to Determine	470	21%	191	13%	290	15%	111	8%	214	10%	199	15%	33	13%	---	---	1,508	14%
Unspecified	6	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*	4	11%	13	*
Total	2,248	100%	1,483	100%	1,881	100%	1,396	100%	2,226	100%	1,339	100%	252	100%	35	100%	10,860	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	865	38%	363	24%	603	32%	177	13%	315	14%	316	24%	63	25%	1	3%	2,703	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,278	57%	1,046	71%	1,247	66%	1,173	84%	1,791	80%	966	72%	178	71%	34	97%	7,713	71%
Unable to Determine	103	5%	73	5%	31	2%	46	3%	114	5%	57	4%	11	4%	---	---	435	4%
Unspecified	2	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	6	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	9	*
Total	2,248	100%	1,483	100%	1,881	100%	1,396	100%	2,226	100%	1,339	100%	252	100%	35	100%	10,860	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

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TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region														Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston									
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Age:																				
(0 - 2 yrs)	287	13%	172	12%	160	9%	143	10%	284	13%	152	11%	42	17%	---	---	1,240	11%		
(3 - 5 yrs)	268	12%	165	11%	159	8%	134	10%	252	11%	88	7%	61	24%	---	---	1,127	10%		
(6 - 11 yrs)	561	25%	358	24%	377	20%	234	17%	453	20%	212	16%	117	46%	---	---	2,312	21%		
(12 - 17 yrs)	960	43%	679	46%	992	53%	715	51%	1,042	47%	703	53%	32	13%	5	14%	5,128	47%		
18 or older	172	8%	109	7%	193	10%	170	12%	195	9%	184	14%	---	---	30	86%	1,053	10%		
Total	2,248	100%	1,483	100%	1,881	100%	1,396	100%	2,226	100%	1,339	100%	252	100%	35	100%	10,860	100%		
Service Plan Goals:																				
Reunify Family	563	25%	498	34%	614	33%	491	35%	803	36%	352	26%	1	*	---	---	3,322	31%		
Adoption	667	30%	403	27%	368	20%	257	18%	523	23%	279	21%	246	98%	---	---	2,743	25%		
Living Independently	342	15%	179	12%	368	20%	289	21%	339	15%	306	23%	---	---	34	97%	1,857	17%		
Long-Term Substitute Care	378	17%	179	12%	312	17%	182	13%	257	12%	202	15%	---	---	---	---	1,510	14%		
Guardianship	101	4%	106	7%	69	4%	60	4%	122	5%	56	4%	5	2%	---	---	519	5%		
Stabilize Intact Family	126	6%	73	5%	81	4%	68	5%	85	4%	70	5%	---	---	---	---	503	5%		
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	42	2%	29	2%	48	3%	31	2%	78	4%	58	4%	---	---	---	---	286	3%		
Unspecified	29	1%	16	1%	21	1%	18	1%	19	1%	16	1%	---	---	1	3%	120	1%		
Total	2,248	100%	1,483	100%	1,881	100%	1,396	100%	2,226	100%	1,339	100%	252	100%	35	100%	10,860	100%		
Continuous Time in Care:																				
(.5 yr or less)	421	19%	306	21%	438	23%	366	26%	489	22%	268	20%	1	*	1	3%	2,290	21%		
(> .5 - 1 yr)	300	13%	255	17%	230	12%	222	16%	359	16%	208	16%	12	5%	---	---	1,586	15%		
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	249	11%	160	11%	212	11%	162	12%	306	14%	140	10%	24	10%	1	3%	1,254	12%		
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	213	9%	157	11%	167	9%	106	8%	207	9%	116	9%	36	14%	---	---	1,002	9%		
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	532	24%	352	24%	381	20%	302	22%	481	22%	304	23%	113	45%	33	94%	2,498	23%		
> 4 yrs	533	24%	253	17%	453	24%	238	17%	384	17%	303	23%	66	26%	---	---	2,230	21%		
Total	2,248	100%	1,483	100%	1,881	100%	1,396	100%	2,226	100%	1,339	100%	252	100%	35	100%	10,860	100%		

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE, (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**

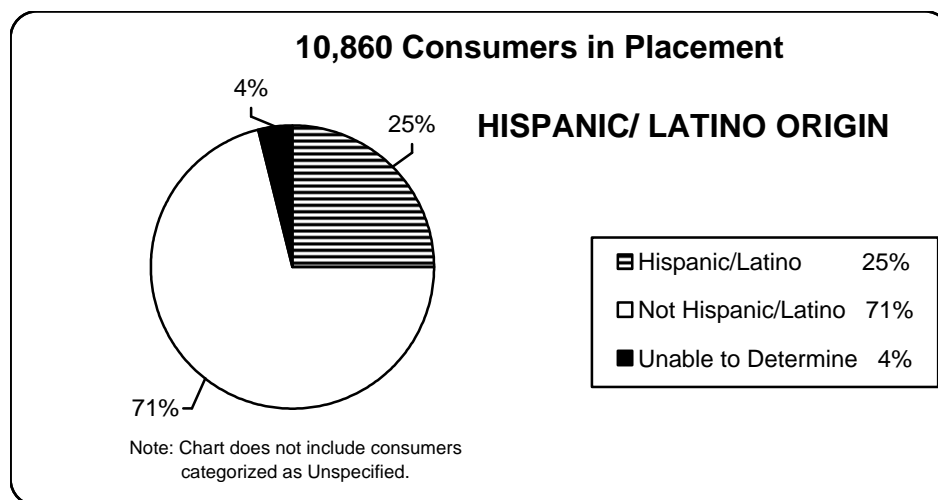
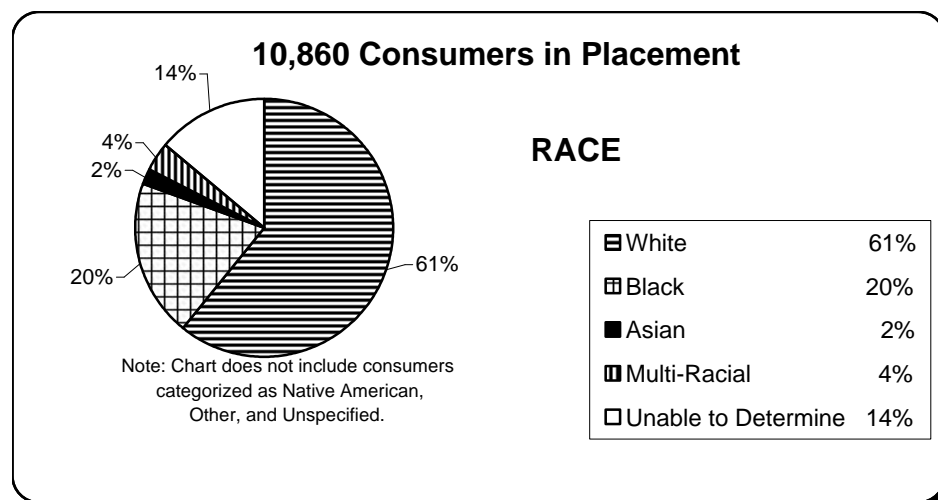
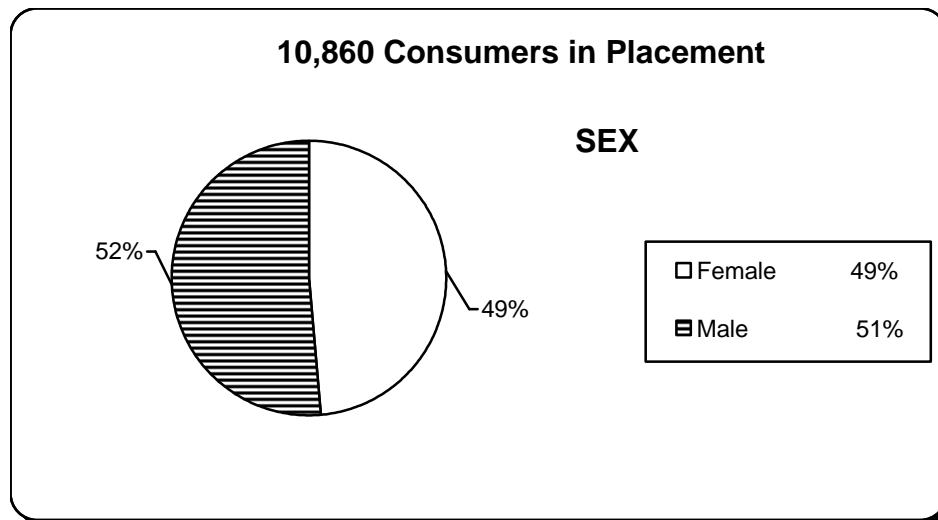


FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT STATEWIDE. (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

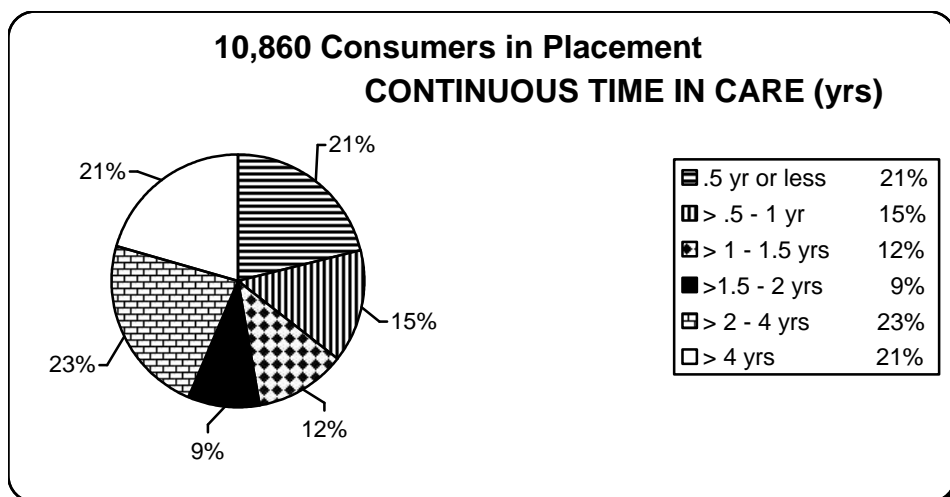
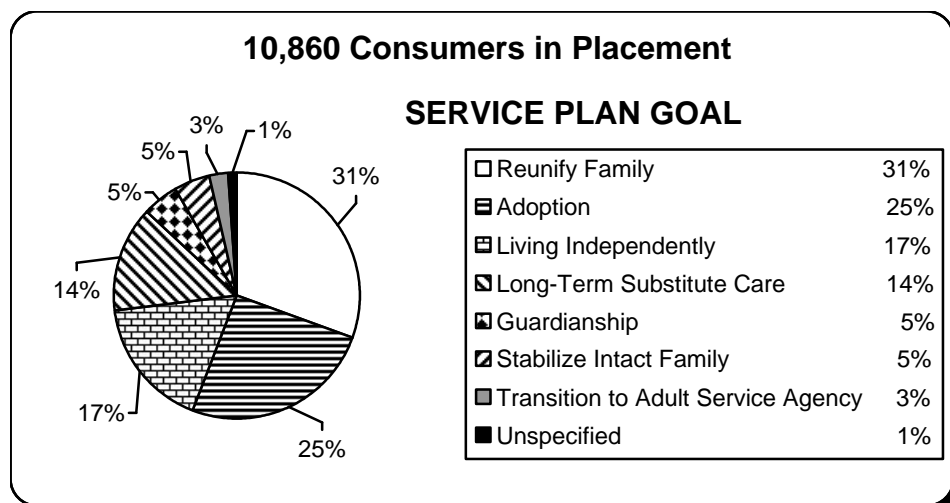
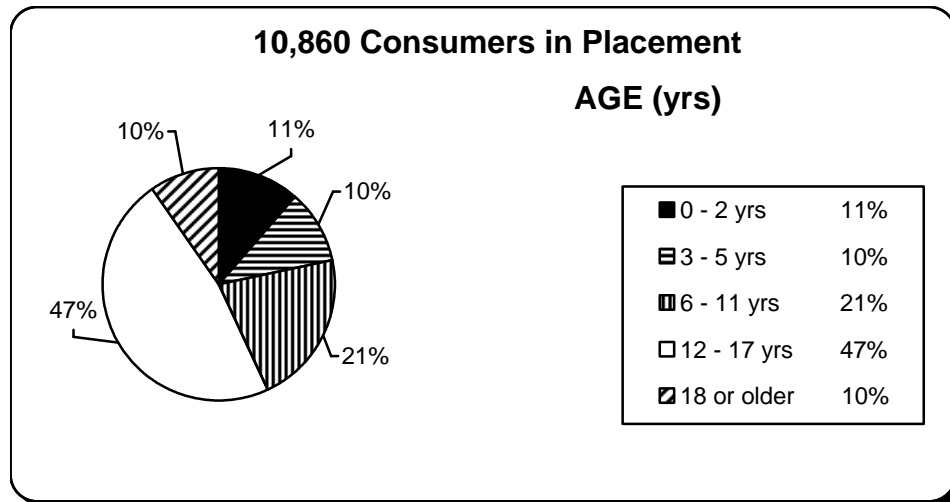


TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers																Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to		Unspecified			
							American						Determine					
							No.	%					No.	%				
(.5 yr or less)	1,443	22%	370	17%	51	26%	7	27%	---	---	96	24%	318	21%	5	38%	2,290	21%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	948	14%	296	14%	22	11%	5	19%	1	14%	58	15%	255	17%	1	8%	1,586	15%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	782	12%	241	11%	19	10%	5	19%	---	---	51	13%	156	10%	---	---	1,254	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	631	10%	177	8%	19	10%	1	4%	1	14%	38	10%	134	9%	1	8%	1,002	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,467	22%	510	24%	42	22%	1	4%	3	43%	95	24%	374	25%	6	46%	2,498	23%
> 4yrs	1,312	20%	535	25%	42	22%	7	27%	2	29%	61	15%	271	18%	---	---	2,230	21%
Total	6,583	100%	2,129	100%	195	100%	26	100%	7	100%	399	100%	1,508	100%	13	100%	10,860	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/		Not Hispanic/		Unable to		Unspecified			
	Latino		Latino		Determine					
(.5 yr or less)	519	19%	1,653	21%	110	25%	8	89%	2,290	21%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	427	16%	1,098	14%	60	14%	1	11%	1,586	15%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	290	11%	911	12%	53	12%	---	---	1,254	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	239	9%	725	9%	38	9%	---	---	1,002	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	633	23%	1,767	23%	98	23%	---	---	2,498	23%
> 4yrs	595	22%	1,559	20%	76	17%	---	---	2,230	21%
Total	2,703	100%	7,713	100%	435	100%	9	100%	10,860	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

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TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SRVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers																Total	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	2,081	63%	570	17%	67	2%	11	*	1	*	113	3%	479	14%	---	---	3,322	100%
Adoption	1,643	60%	478	17%	26	1%	7	*	3	*	150	5%	434	16%	2	*	2,743	100%
Living Independently	1,080	58%	483	26%	45	2%	4	*	2	*	37	2%	202	11%	4	*	1,857	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	885	59%	341	23%	24	2%	3	*	1	*	48	3%	206	14%	2	*	1,510	100%
Guardianship	331	64%	93	18%	16	3%	1	*	---	---	22	4%	56	11%	---	---	519	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	289	57%	86	17%	10	2%	---	---	---	---	26	5%	91	18%	1	*	503	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	202	71%	57	20%	3	1%	---	---	---	---	2	1%	22	8%	---	---	286	100%
Unspecified	72	60%	21	18%	4	3%	---	---	---	---	1	1%	18	15%	4	3%	120	100%
Total	6,583	61%	2,129	20%	195	2%	26	*	7	*	399	4%	1,508	14%	13	*	10,860	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	793	24%	2,390	72%	138	4%	1	*	3,322	100%
Adoption	812	30%	1,796	65%	135	5%	---	---	2,743	100%
Living Independently	376	20%	1,425	77%	56	3%	---	---	1,857	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	387	26%	1,064	70%	59	4%	---	---	1,510	100%
Guardianship	112	22%	388	75%	19	4%	---	---	519	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	140	28%	342	68%	19	4%	2	*	503	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	52	18%	232	81%	2	1%	---	---	286	100%
Unspecified	31	26%	76	63%	7	6%	6	5%	120	100%
Total	2,703	25%	7,713	71%	435	4%	9	*	10,860	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic/Latino origin.

TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

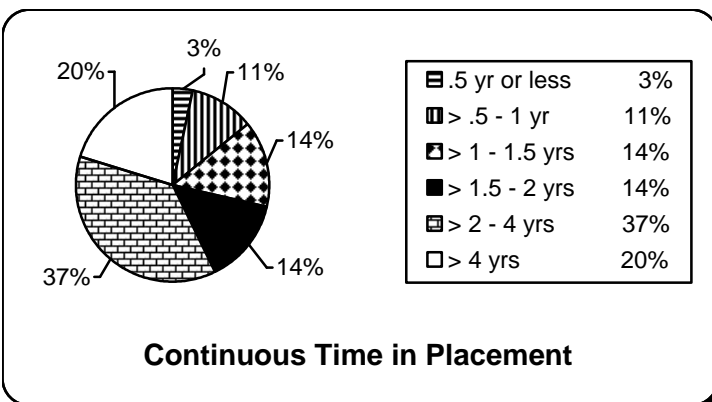
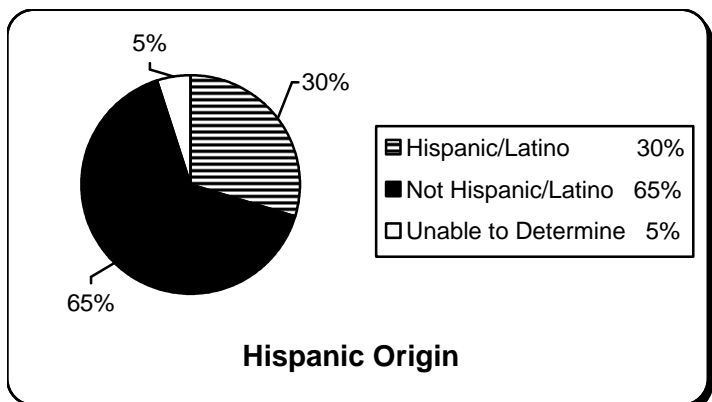
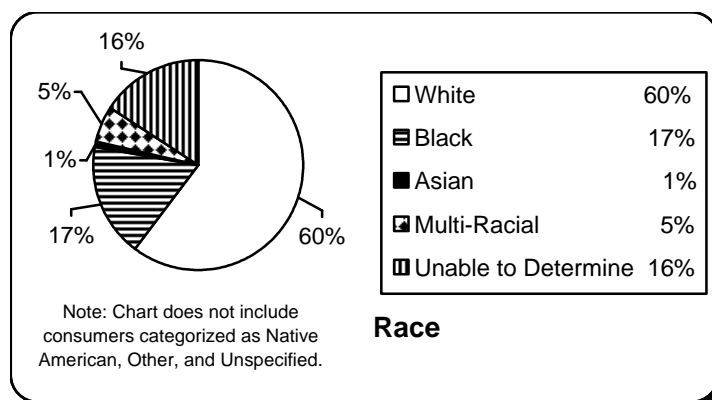
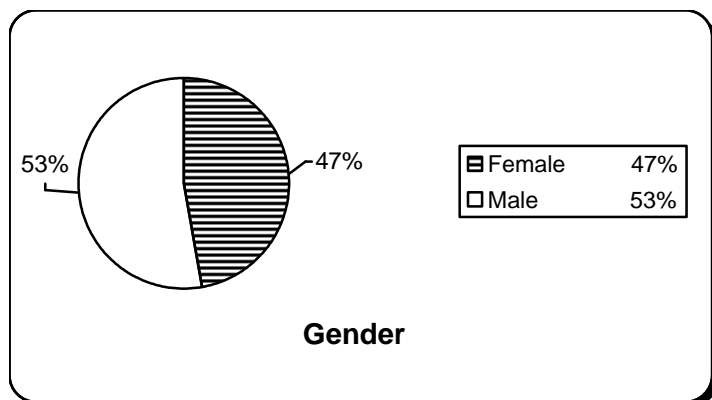
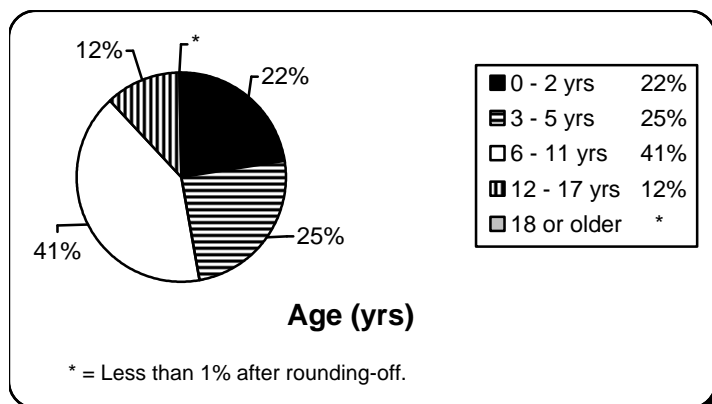
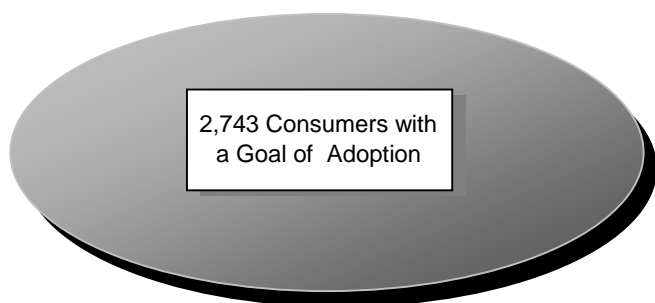
Service Plan Goal	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	508	15%	359	11%	772	23%	1,671	50%	12	*	3,322	100%
Adoption	614	22%	679	25%	1,121	41%	324	12%	5	*	2,743	100%
Living Independently	1	*	---	---	---	---	1,052	57%	804	43%	1,857	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	---	---	---	---	166	11%	1,303	86%	41	3%	1,510	100%
Guardianship	20	4%	41	8%	157	30%	298	57%	3	1%	519	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	58	12%	43	9%	75	15%	314	62%	13	3%	503	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	---	---	---	---	7	2%	105	37%	174	61%	286	100%
Unspecified	39	33%	5	4%	14	12%	61	51%	1	1%	120	100%
Total	1,240	11%	1,127	10%	2,312	21%	5,128	47%	1,053	10%	10,860	100%

TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement												Total	
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	1,527	46%	983	30%	420	13%	174	5%	185	6%	33	1%	3,322	100%
Adoption	95	3%	293	11%	397	14%	392	14%	1,011	37%	555	20%	2,743	100%
Living Independently	73	4%	125	7%	185	10%	183	10%	584	31%	707	38%	1,857	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	48	3%	73	5%	127	8%	140	9%	463	31%	659	44%	1,510	100%
Guardianship	22	4%	50	10%	91	18%	88	17%	170	33%	98	19%	519	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	390	78%	55	11%	18	4%	15	3%	16	3%	9	2%	503	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	17	6%	5	2%	16	6%	10	3%	69	24%	169	59%	286	100%
Unspecified	118	98%	2	2%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	120	100%
Total	2,290	21%	1,586	15%	1,254	12%	1,002	9%	2,498	23%	2,230	21%	10,860	100%

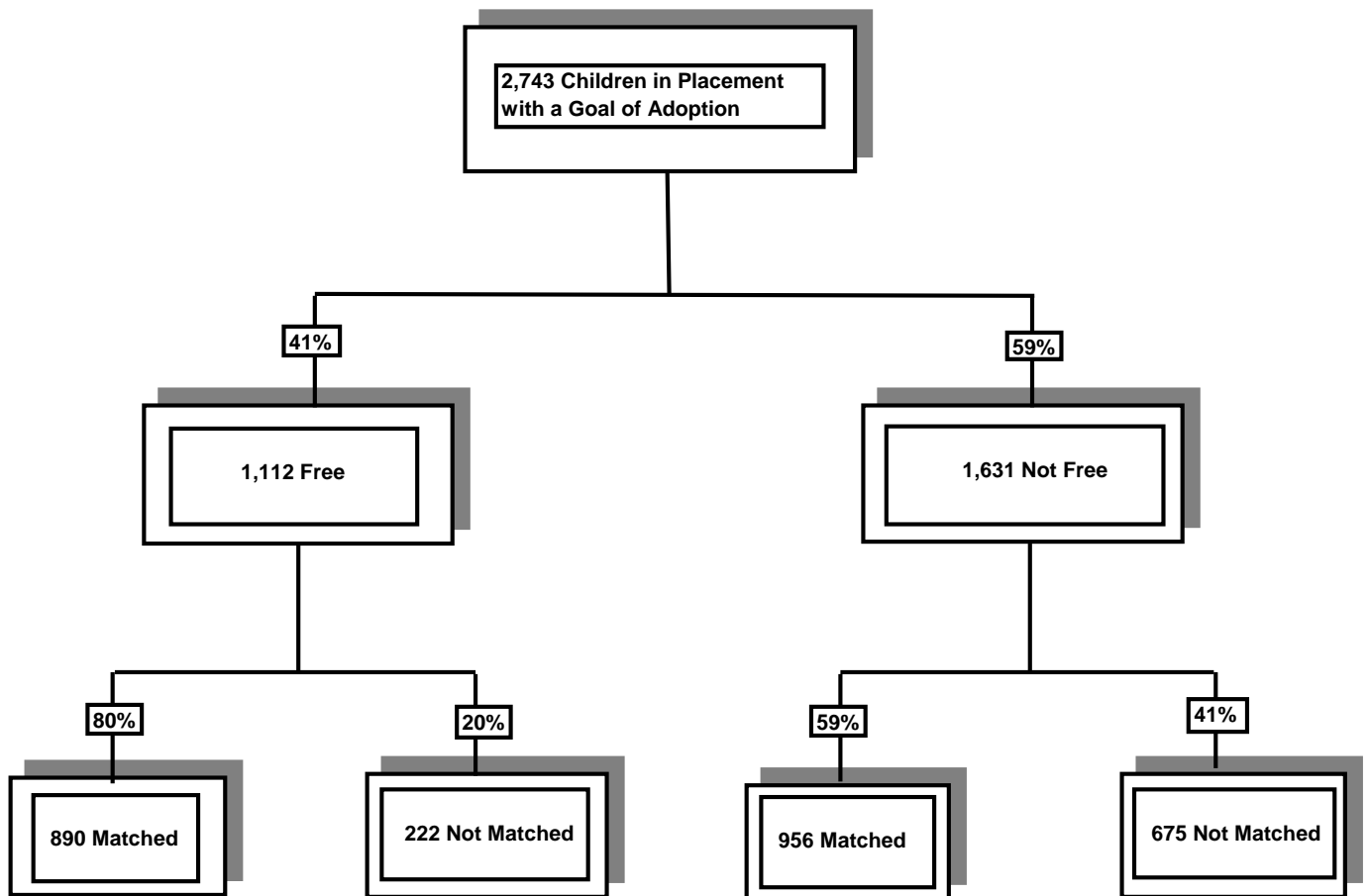
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Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)



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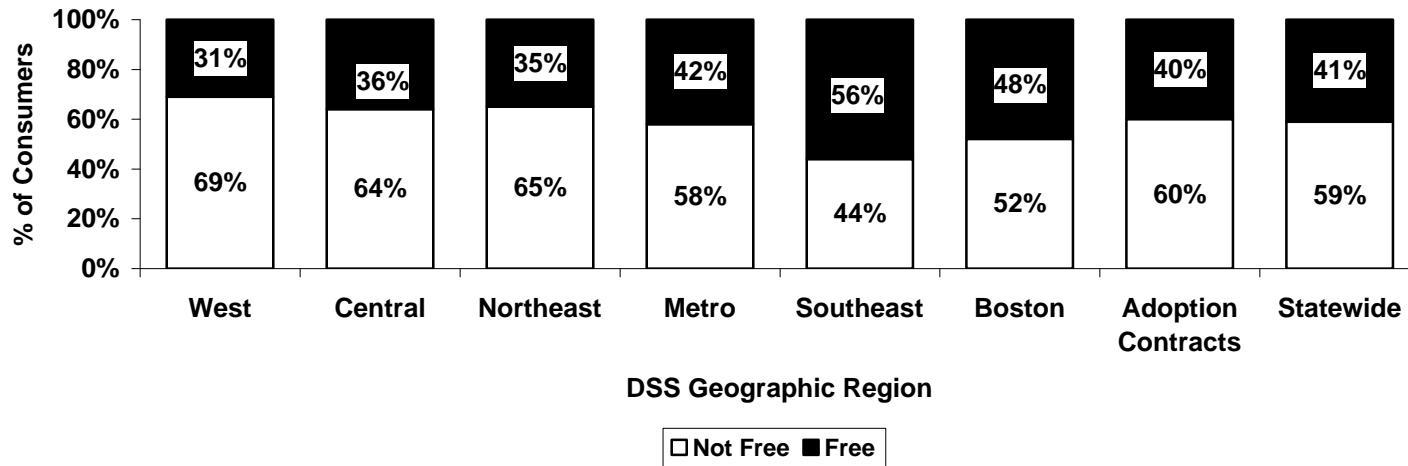
**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:
Legal Status and Match Status
(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



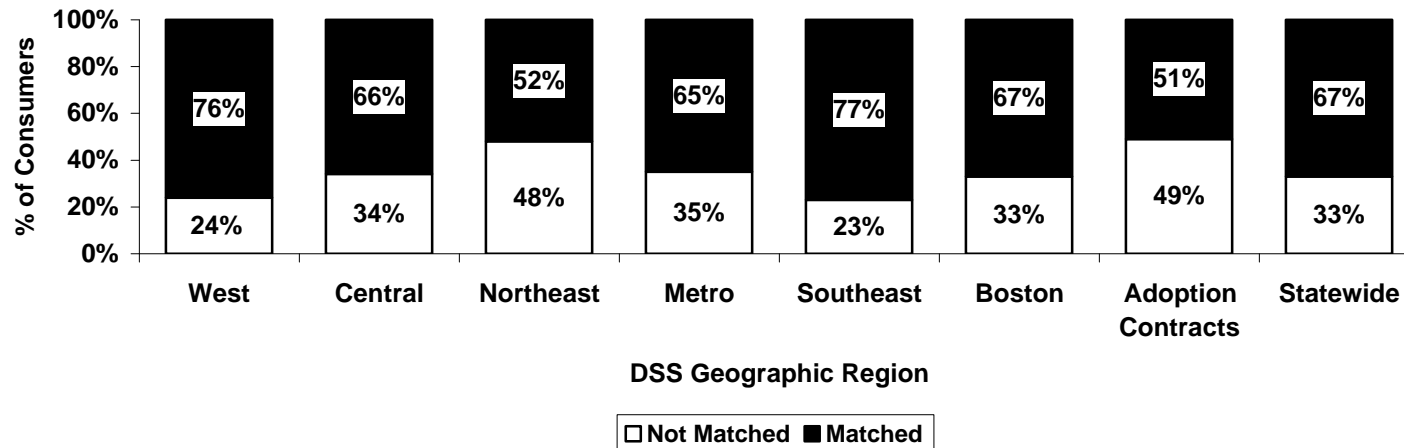
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption
Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

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**Figure 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Free
(FY'05, 1ST QUARTER)**



**Figure 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and
Matched to a Permanent Family
(FY'05, 1ST QUARTER)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2005, there were 3,170 case openings (unduplicated) and 13,469 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Eighty-four percent of case intakes and 87% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 8% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- CHINS referrals amounted to 5% of case intakes and 4% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 82-89% of the total intakes for each region. The Boston Region had the largest proportion of CHINS referrals (8%). Voluntary requests were most significant (12%) in the Metro Region. **(Fig. 13, Table 9A)**
- The regional counts of CHINS referrals ranged from 12 (Metro) to 34 (both the West and Boston) cases. Voluntary requests were highest in Metro. Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the Southeast and West. **(Table 9A)**
- Regionally, case openings were lowest in the 1st Quarter of FY'2005. **(Fig. 14)**. This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year **(Figs. 20 and 21 on page 51)**.

TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	504	89%	34	6%	19	3%	10	2%	2	*	569
Central	353	83%	31	7%	28	7%	15	4%	---	---	427
Northeast	464	85%	33	6%	40	7%	10	2%	---	---	547
Metro	447	84%	12	2%	64	12%	7	1%	---	---	530
Southeast	548	82%	31	5%	55	8%	36	5%	---	---	670
Boston	363	82%	34	8%	34	8%	10	2%	1	*	442
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	5	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5
Total	2,684	84%	175	5%	240	8%	88	3%	3	*	3,190

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **3,170**.

⁽²⁾ Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported		CHINS		Voluntary		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	CA/N Reports		Referrals		Requests for Services						
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	2,269	92%	83	3%	66	3%	32	1%	5	*	2,455
Central	1,619	86%	98	5%	97	5%	60	3%	---	---	1,874
Northeast	2,110	87%	124	5%	146	6%	32	1%	---	---	2,412
Metro	1,859	86%	46	2%	244	11%	23	1%	---	---	2,172
Southeast	2,407	84%	135	5%	189	7%	128	4%	---	---	2,859
Boston	1,576	86%	101	6%	117	6%	33	2%	3	---	1,830
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	8	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	8
Total	11,848	87%	587	4%	859	6%	308	2%	8	*	13,610

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

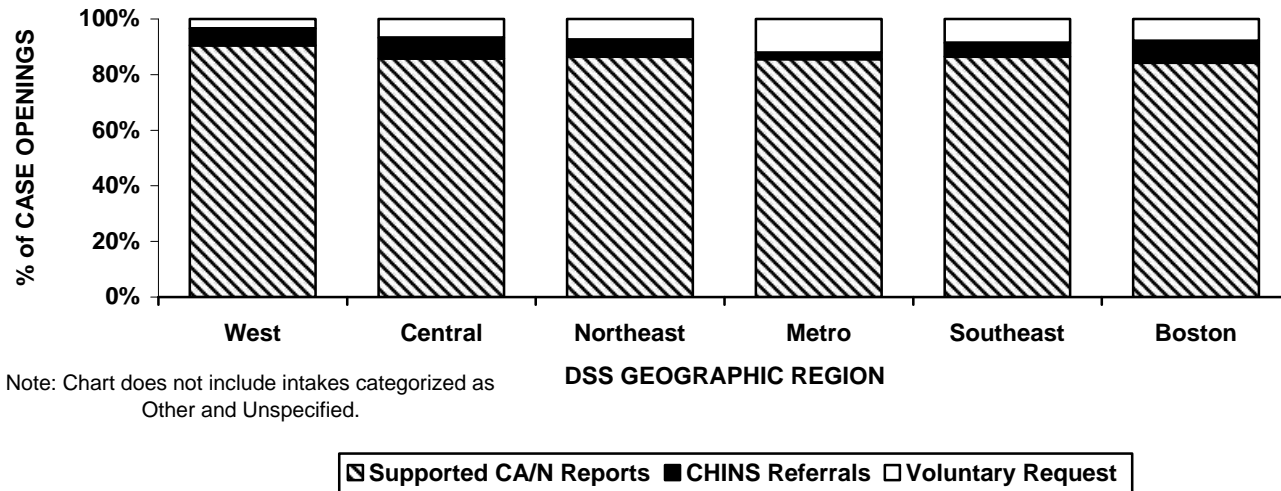
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **13,469**.

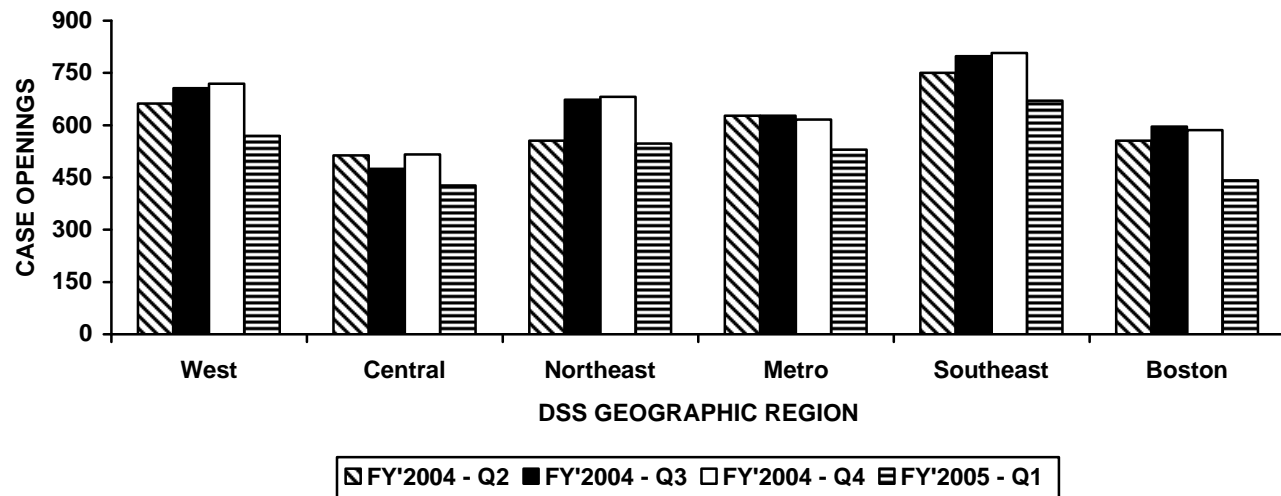
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⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2004, 1ST QUARTER)**



Consumers with Placements Starting or Ending during the Quarter

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2005, 4,108 consumers started at least one placement and 1,798 consumers left at least one placement.¹ These counts of placement dynamics are not the same as consumer entries and exits to placement since they include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11)
- Of those consumers who started a placement setting during the 1st Quarter of FY'2005, 30% were first-time entrants and 70% were re-entrants.² The re-entrant total includes consumers going from a home to a placement location and consumers changing placements.³ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 24% in Boston to 37% in the Northeast. (Table 10, Fig. 15)
- The largest influx to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in the Southeast (19% of statewide entrants) and West (18% of statewide entrants). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 64% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 30% were placed in residential care, and 6% were placed in non-referral locations.⁴ (Table 10)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-nine percent of first-time entrants and 58% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 35% of re-entrants and 18% of first-time entrants were placed in residential care. (Table 10)
- Compared to other regions, Metro placed a much higher proportion of both first-time entrants (27%) and re-entrants (51%) into residential care. (Table 10, Fig. 16)
- The number of re-entrants going into residential care (211) was greater than the number of re-entrants going into foster care (185) in the Metro Region. Statewide, 1,006 re-entrants were placed in residential care and 1,657 re-entrants were placed in foster care. (Table 10)

¹ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and exit were selected.

² Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

³ Changing providers.

⁴ Non-referral locations include hospitals and other state agencies.

- Statewide, 34% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 29% in Boston to 45% in Metro. **(Table 11)**
- Excluding consumers changing placements from the list of consumers with placements ending during the quarter, leaves 922 consumers who actually left placement. Sixty-six percent of the 922 consumers leaving placement were returned home. **(Table 11)**

TABLE 10. CONSUMERS STARTING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region										
Entry Type	Placement Location Started	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	Total
First-Time Entrants:		251	157	235	197	251	120	---	24	1,235
	Foster Care	219	124	170	136	211	89	---	22	971
	Residential	27	32	54	53	32	22	---	2	222
	Non-Referral Location ⁽³⁾	5	1	11	8	8	9	---	---	42
Re-Entrants:		492	332	399	412	536	376	35	291	2,873
	Foster Care	367	213	193	185	304	214	31	150	1,657
	Residential	88	95	173	211	193	129	4	113	1,006
	Non-Referral Location ⁽³⁾	37	24	33	16	39	33	---	28	210
Total		743	489	634	609	787	496	35	315	4,108

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

TABLE 11. CONSUMERS ENDING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

Reason Placement Ended	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Child Returned Home	117	76	104	126	95	62	---	28	608
New or Other Service Referral for Placement	76	77	75	77	99	69	4	65	542
New Sub-Contract Referral for Placement	33	19	39	29	28	28	3	36	215
Placement in Non-Referral Location	16	15	20	15	17	15	---	21	119
Child on the Run	17	6	19	7	15	20	---	5	89
Child 18 or Older	7	5	14	13	12	6	---	11	68
Consumer Adopted	18	8	3	2	7	7	4	3	52
Custody to Other Individual	13	2	17	8	4	8	---	---	52
Guardianship	3	3	1	6	1	---	---	32	46
Custody to Other Agency	1	2	1	---	1	---	---	1	6
Consumer Moved	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	301	213	294	283	279	215	11	202	1,798

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily consumers served through Central Office contracts.

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FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS WITH PLACEMENTS STARTING DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS) (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

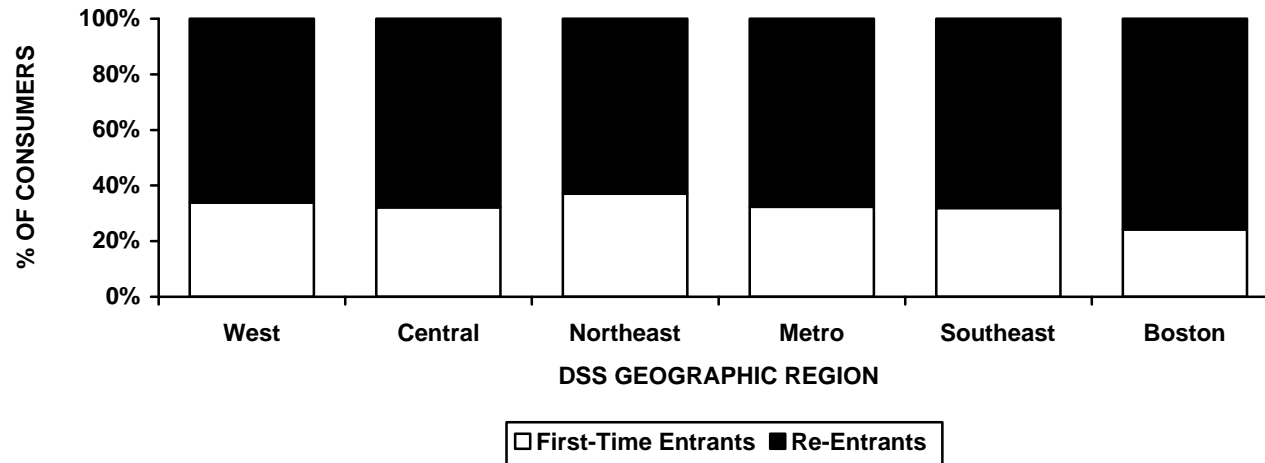
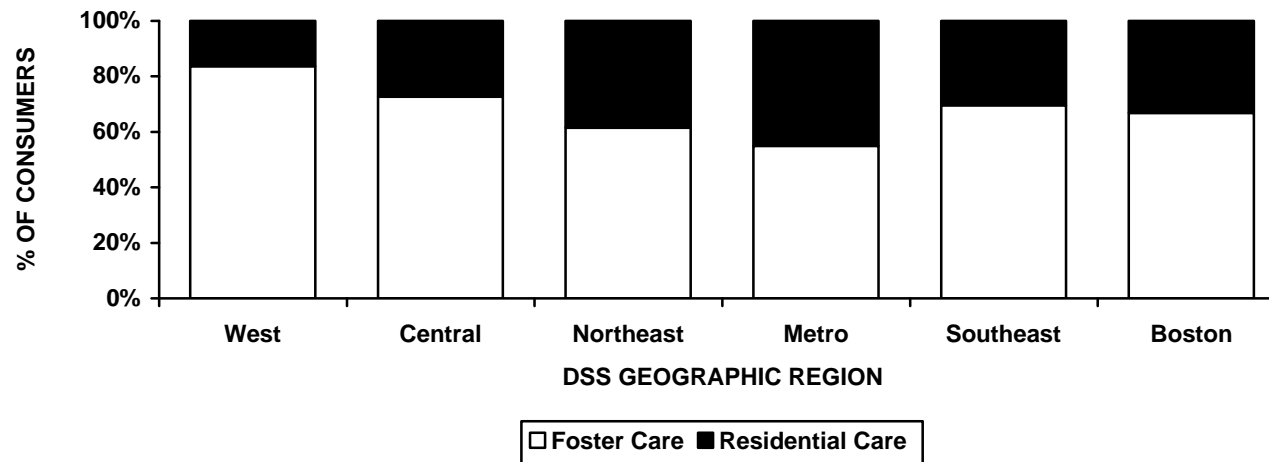
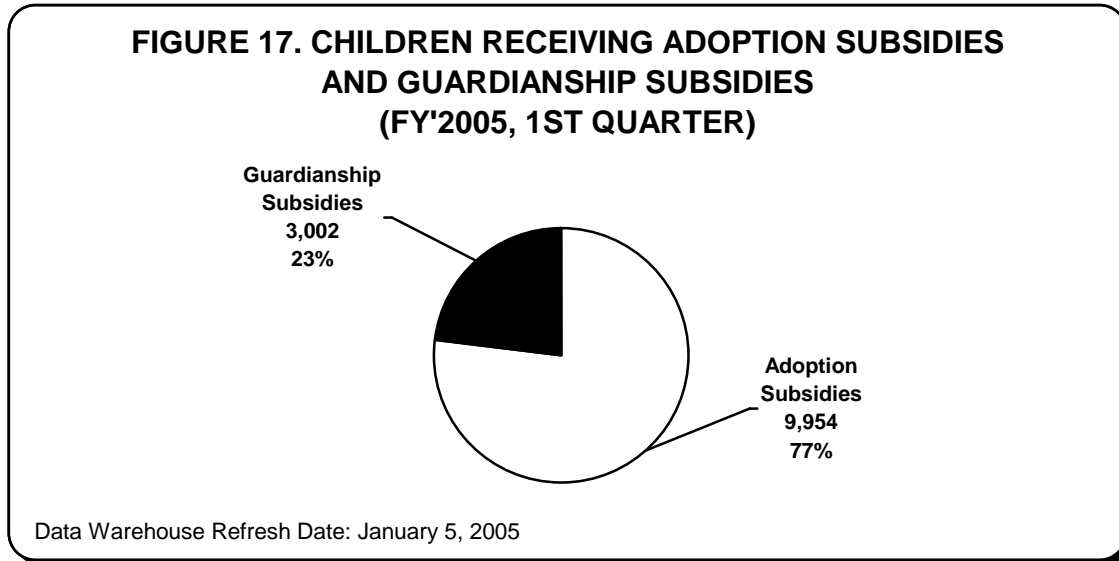


FIGURE 16. CONSUMERS WITH FOSTER AND RESIDENTIAL CARE PLACEMENTS STARTING DURING THE QUARTER (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2005, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 9,954. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,002. (Fig. 17)



Adoption subsidies typically increase by about 1% each quarter. Quarterly increases in Guardianship subsidies are usually around 1-2%. The decline in subsidies from the 1st quarter to the 2nd quarter of FY'2003 is deceptive. It resulted from a mass cleanup of cases rather than a true reduction. (See table below)

	Subsidies			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2001: 1 st	8,775	1%	2,647	-1%
2 nd	8,910	2%	2,700	2%
3 rd	9,004	1%	2,754	2%
4 th	9,113	1%	2,773	1%
FY'2002: 1 st	9,240	1%	2,789	1%
2 nd	9,361	1%	2,809	1%
3 rd	9,482	1%	2,863	2%
4 th	9,576	1%	2,944	3%
FY'2003 1 st	9,696	1%	2,921	-1%
2 nd	9,240	-5%	2,738	-6%
3 rd	9,328	1%	2,779	1%
4 th	9,470	2%	2,838	2%
FY'2004 1 st	9,605	1%	2,839	*
2 nd	9,616	*	2,866	1%
3 rd	9,712	1%	2,944	3%
4 th	9,859	2%	2,996	2%
FY'2005 1 st	9,954	1%	3,002	*

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes¹

- At the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2005, there were 4,730 foster homes. Included in this total are all kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes² as well as approved unrestricted homes.³ Approved unrestricted foster homes accounted for 48% (2,281) of the foster home total while restricted foster homes amounted to 52% (2,449). **(Table 12A)**
- From the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 to 1st Quarter of FY'2005, restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually increased from 29% to 52%. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 77% of foster parents in approved unrestricted homes were White and 59% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 73% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 49% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Fourteen percent (666) of all foster homes were identified as Black (343 restricted and 323 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Fifteen percent (732) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (368 restricted and 364 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

¹ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care/custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

² Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has selected another home in which the child chooses to live; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who has a relationship with the child.

³ Unrestricted placements are those where DSS places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

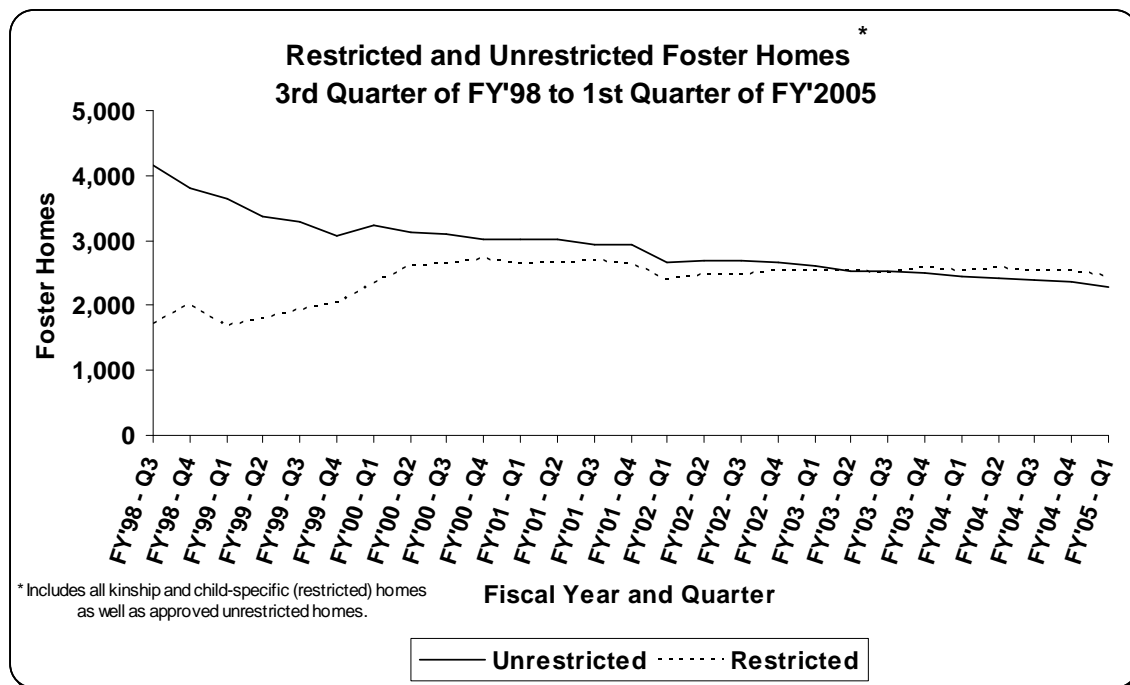


TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	466		377		391		309		612		246		48		2,449	
White	366	79%	300	80%	282	72%	247	80%	479	78%	89	36%	22	46%	1,785	73%
Black	55	12%	26	7%	15	4%	36	12%	67	11%	124	50%	20	42%	343	14%
Asian	---	---	3	1%	28	7%	3	1%	2	*	2	1%	1	2%	39	2%
Native American	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	6	1%	1	*	---	---	8	*
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	1	*
Multi-Racial	6	1%	---	---	5	1%	---	---	2	*	2	1%	1	2%	16	1%
Unable to Determine	27	6%	35	9%	52	13%	12	4%	39	6%	27	11%	3	6%	195	8%
Unspecified	12	3%	13	3%	8	2%	11	4%	17	3%	---	---	1	2%	62	3%
Unrestricted	492		330		323		270		484		227		155		2,281	
White	359	73%	297	90%	260	80%	231	86%	413	85%	61	27%	125	81%	1,746	77%
Black	71	14%	17	5%	13	4%	28	10%	36	7%	132	58%	26	17%	323	14%
Asian	---	---	---	---	10	3%	---	---	2	*	---	---	2	1%	14	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	1%	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	47	10%	1	*	5	2%	1	*	3	1%	2	1%	---	---	59	3%
Unable to Determine	7	1%	15	5%	33	10%	10	4%	27	6%	32	14%	1	1%	125	5%
Unspecified	8	2%	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1%	11	*
Total	958		707		714		579		1,096		473		203		4,730	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Includes all kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as approved unrestricted homes.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islanders.TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total		
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	466		377		391		309		612		246		48		2,449	
Hispanic/Latino	130	28%	46	12%	79	20%	20	6%	46	8%	42	17%	5	10%	368	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	312	67%	301	80%	274	70%	262	85%	527	86%	191	78%	38	79%	1,905	78%
Unable to Determine	11	2%	12	3%	25	6%	7	2%	12	2%	9	4%	1	2%	77	3%
Unspecified	13	3%	18	5%	13	3%	20	6%	27	4%	4	2%	4	8%	99	4%
Unrestricted:	492		330		323		270		484		227		155		2,281	
Hispanic/Latino	128	26%	38	12%	78	24%	15	6%	45	9%	57	25%	3	2%	364	16%
Not Hispanic/Latino	352	72%	289	88%	236	73%	250	93%	428	88%	168	74%	147	95%	1,870	82%
Unable to Determine	1	*	2	1%	7	2%	5	2%	10	2%	2	1%	1	1%	28	1%
Unspecified	11	2%	1	*	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	4	3%	19	1%
Total	958		707		714		579		1,096		473		203		4,730	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes all kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as approved unrestricted homes.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

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TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)⁽¹⁾

DSS Geographic Region																	Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston				No.	%		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	466		377		391		309		612		246		48		2,449			
Married	227	49%	210	56%	201	51%	154	50%	321	52%	89	36%	24	50%	1,226	50%		
Single	120	26%	83	22%	103	26%	73	24%	148	24%	104	42%	9	19%	640	26%		
Divorced	58	12%	39	10%	40	10%	44	14%	60	10%	26	11%	10	21%	277	11%		
Separated	27	6%	12	3%	19	5%	9	3%	23	4%	15	6%	1	2%	106	4%		
Widowed	16	3%	15	4%	13	3%	15	5%	34	6%	11	4%	2	4%	106	4%		
Unrestricted	492		330		323		270		484		227		155		2,281			
Married	270	55%	243	74%	191	59%	156	58%	309	64%	75	33%	93	60%	1,337	59%		
Single	99	20%	39	12%	67	21%	71	26%	72	15%	91	40%	51	33%	490	21%		
Divorced	78	16%	39	12%	32	10%	31	11%	56	12%	32	14%	10	6%	278	12%		
Separated	26	5%	6	2%	16	5%	4	1%	22	5%	17	7%	---	---	91	4%		
Widowed	19	4%	3	1%	16	5%	8	3%	25	5%	12	5%	1	1%	84	4%		
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*		
Total	958		707		714		579		1,096		473		203		4,730			

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes all kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as approved unrestricted homes.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

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Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 16,126 reports were recorded during the 1st Quarter of FY'2005. Sixty-five percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West and Southeast. However, both of these DSS Regions were surpassed by the Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) which recorded 3,795 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 56% in the West to 72% in Boston. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 73%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 2% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 23% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports dropped 13% from the 4th Quarter of FY'2004 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2005. Declines ranged from -9% in Central to -37% in Metro. The Northeast Region was the only region to show an increase (10%). Typically, report counts drop during the summer quarter (Q1) then climb during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 1st Quarter of FY'2005 was 8,893.¹ Fifty-six percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast conducted more investigations (1,894) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 51% in the Northeast to a high of 57% in both Boston and Metro. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 76% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

¹ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- Boston had the highest screen-in rate (72%) and the highest support rate (57%). A high screen-in rate does not necessarily mean a high support rate. After Boston, the Northeastern and Southeastern Regions had the next highest screen-in rates (69% and 64%, respectively), but the lowest support rates (51% and 53%, respectively). **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**
- Statewide, there was a 15% decrease in investigations from the 4th Quarter of FY'2004 to the 1st Quarter of FY'2005. Regional declines ranged from -8% in Southeast to -21% in Boston. **(Fig. 21)**

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

DSS Geographic Region	Screening Decision							
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			Non-Emergency		Emergency		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,294	43%	1,625	54%	64	2%	2,983	18%
Central	810	43%	1,033	55%	42	2%	1,885	12%
Northeast	624	31%	1,344	67%	46	2%	2,014	12%
Metro	581	38%	921	60%	30	2%	1,532	10%
Southeast	897	36%	1,566	62%	57	2%	2,520	16%
Boston	392	28%	967	70%	25	2%	1,384	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,047	28%	1,894	50%	854	23%	3,795	24%
Special Investigations	2	15%	11	85%	---	---	13	*
Total	5,647	35%	9,361	58%	1,118	7%	16,126	100%

TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

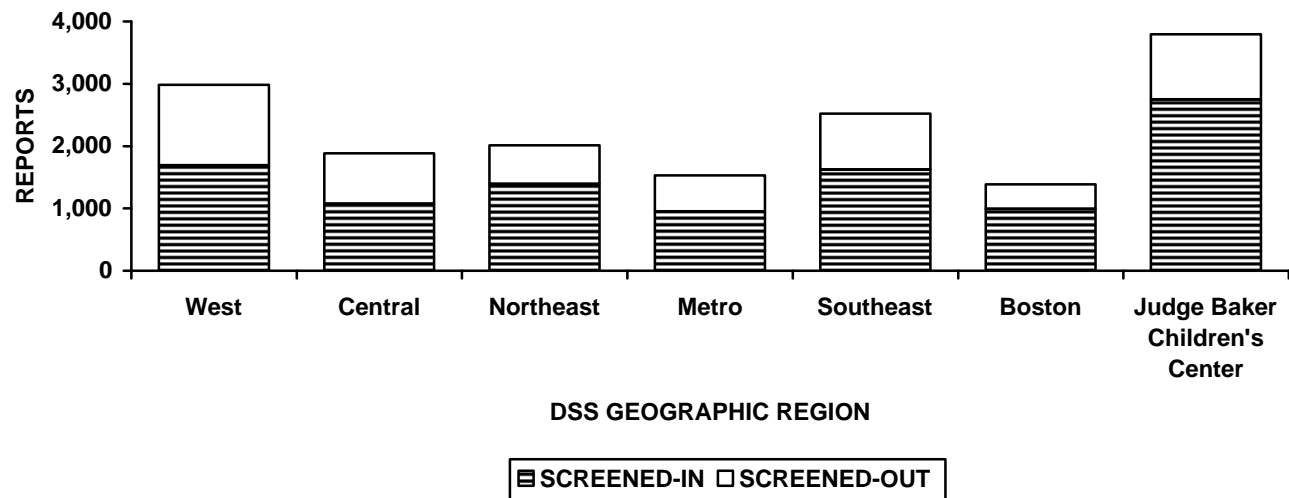
DSS Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	823	55%	675	45%	1,498	17%
Central	604	56%	472	44%	1,076	12%
Northeast	766	51%	731	49%	1,497	17%
Metro	609	57%	462	43%	1,071	12%
Southeast	1,006	53%	888	47%	1,894	21%
Boston	585	57%	445	43%	1,030	12%
Judge Baker Children's Center	522	76%	169	24%	691	8%
Special Investigations	47	35%	89	65%	136	2%
Total	4,962	56%	3,931	44%	8,893	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

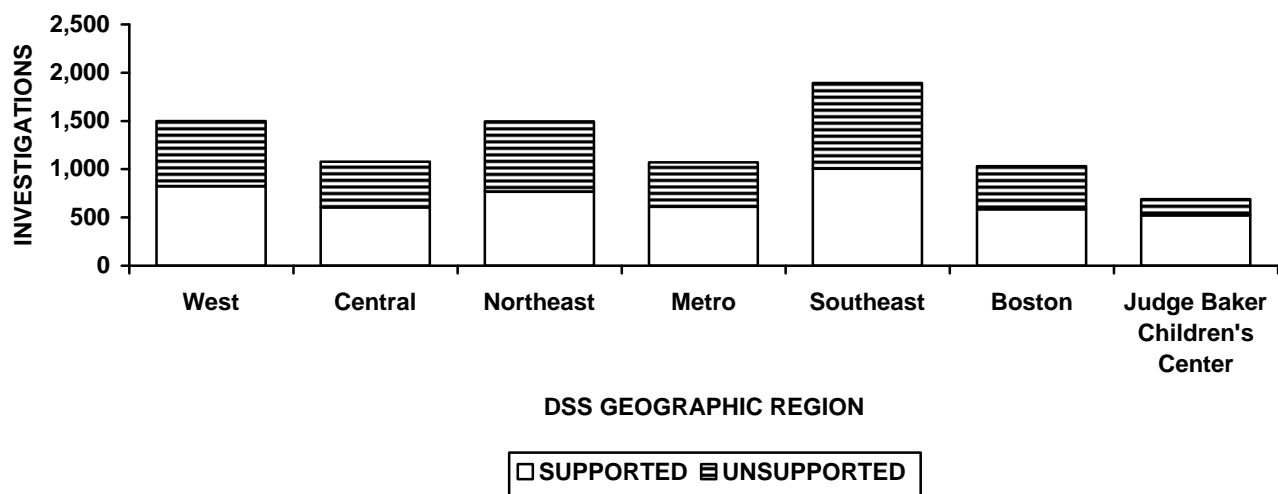
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

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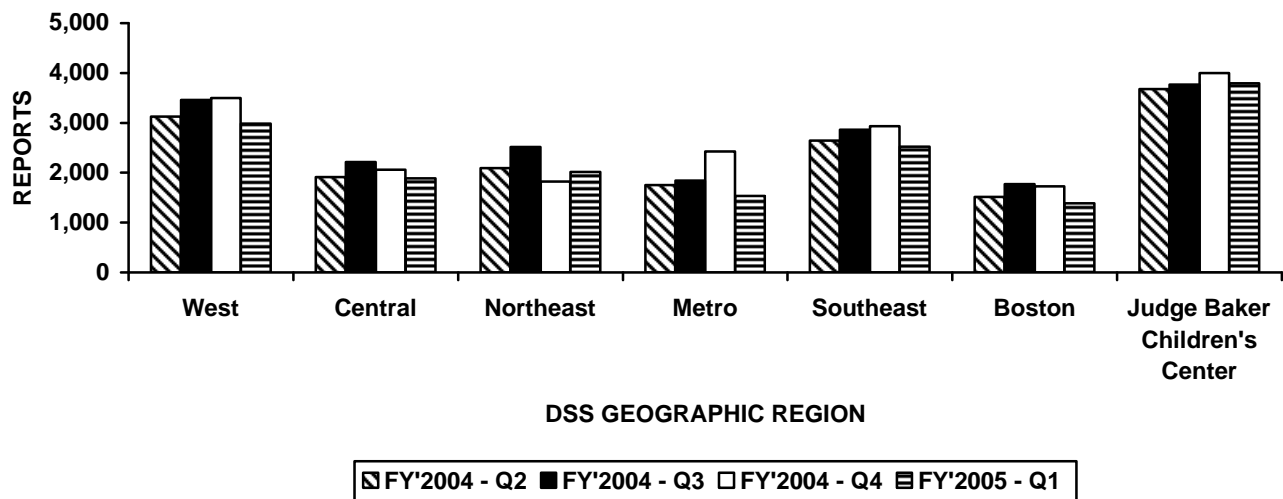
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)
(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



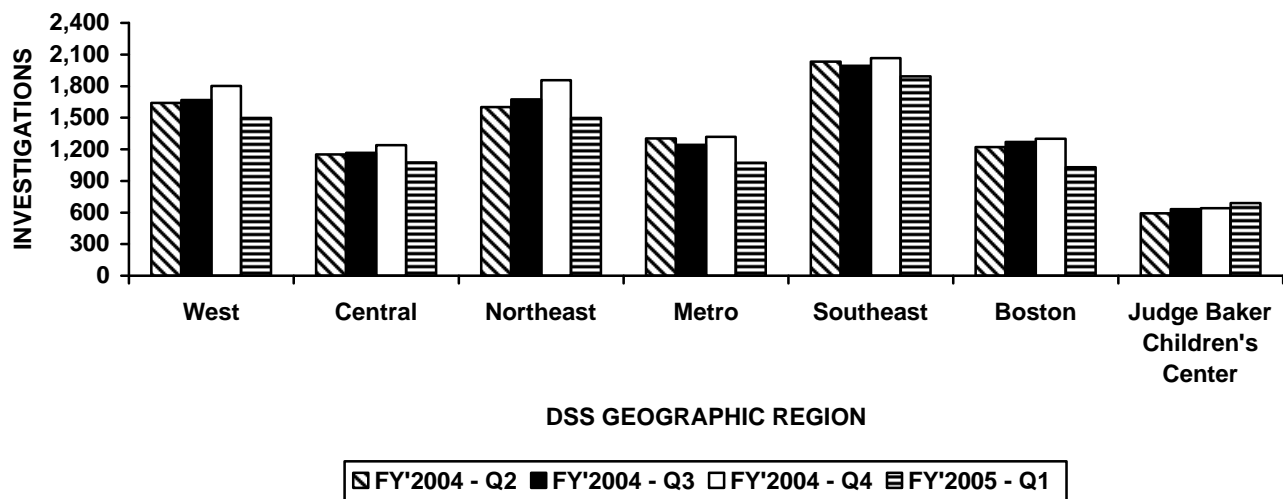
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)
(FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2004, 2ND QUARTER - FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 1st Quarter of FY'2005, 1,018 cases were referred to the District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-nine percent of case referrals to the DAs were mandatory referrals¹ and 51% were discretionary referrals² (**Fig. 22**). There was a 17% decrease in case referrals compared to the previous quarter.

Case Referrals*

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	380	43%	504	57%	884
FY'01, Q4	435	48%	468	52%	903
FY'02, Q1	341	46%	403	54%	744
FY'02, Q2	421	45%	507	55%	928
FY'02, Q3	443	42%	614	58%	1,057
FY'02, Q4	494	45%	616	55%	1,110
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018

(*) DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 80% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals³ during the 1st Quarter of FY'2005 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Nineteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.
- Table 16 (on page 56) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and county. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the population size for the county. Referral counts were highest for the largest counties, Essex, Worcester, Middlesex, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county populations, Hampden County (encompasses city of Springfield) and Berkshire County had higher numbers of referrals than expected and Norfolk County had lower numbers.

¹ Mandatory referrals to the District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

² There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorneys; or (2) DSS may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorneys, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

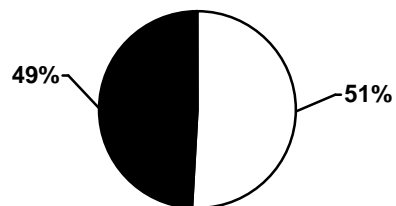
³ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason.**

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

Date	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	303	75%	91	23%	8	2%	402
FY'01, Q4	346	77%	102	23%	3	1%	451
FY'02, Q1	295	83%	57	16%	5	1%	357
FY'02, Q2	329	75%	107	24%	5	1%	441
FY'02, Q3	361	78%	90	20%	9	2%	460
FY'02, Q4	398	78%	111	22%	3	1%	512
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513

DA REFERRALS (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

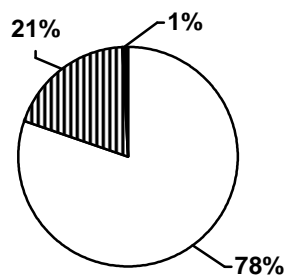
FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL
(Case Count*)



□ DISCRETIONARY 518 ■ MANDATORY 500

* A case referral may include more than one reason.

FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS
(Reason Count*)



□ SEXUAL ABUSE 412 ▨ PHYSICAL ABUSE 97 ■ DEATH 4

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TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	412	80%
Sexual Assault	386	
Sexual Exploitation	26	
Serious Physical Abuse:	97	19%
Death:	4	1%
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	513	100%

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TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY⁽¹⁾ (FY'2005, 1ST QUARTER)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.
	Discretionary		Mandatory		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Essex	106	40%	158	60%	264
Worcester	92	52%	85	48%	177
Middlesex	75	59%	53	41%	128
Suffolk	67	66%	35	34%	102
Hampden	40	44%	51	56%	91
Bristol	31	52%	29	48%	60
Plymouth	32	59%	22	41%	54
Berkshire	15	38%	24	62%	39
Norfolk	17	50%	17	50%	34
Hampshire	14	70%	6	30%	20
Barnstable	9	50%	9	50%	18
Franklin	8	67%	4	33%	12
Nantucket	2	100%	---	---	2
Dukes	---	---	1	100%	1
OUT OF STATE	10	63%	6	38%	16
Total	518		500		1,018

⁽¹⁾ DA referrals approved during the Quarter.⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.

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